

Protecting Migrant Rights Across Borders

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Due process denied: Justice in Motion demands reversal of asylum policy

Statement by Justice in Motion

NEW YORK – Justice in Motion strongly condemns the Trump administration's latest move to undermine due process: <u>a directive ordering immigration judges to deny asylum without giving people a chance to be heard.</u>

The policy, issued last week to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), directs immigration judges to reject certain asylum applications without a hearing – a sharp escalation in the systematic dismantling of legal protections for people seeking safety in the United States.

"This directive strikes at the heart of due process," said Justice in Motion Executive Director Cathleen Caron. "It silences people seeking safety and treats human lives like paperwork to be dismissed. Asylum is a human right, and every person fleeing persecution deserves the opportunity to present their case to a judge."

For two decades, Justice in Motion has stood alongside migrants navigating the dangers of forced displacement, persecution, and injustice. We see every day why people risk everything to seek asylum in the US – escaping brutal violence, political repression, sexual abuse, and the collapse of legal protections in their home countries. Denying them the chance to seek safety not only endangers lives but erodes America's credibility as a global leader in human rights.

Justice in Motion calls on the administration to immediately reverse this harmful policy and restore the legal rights of those seeking asylum. We remain committed to defending the rights of migrants and fighting for justice across borders.

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Justice in motion protects migrant rights by ensuring justice across borders. Our unique network of on-the-ground human rights defenders in Mexico and Central America partner with US advocates to make sure that wherever migrants go, their rights will follow.