

The Nevada Immigrant Coalition (NIC) and Allies Call for Meaningful Investment in the United State's Asylum Program and overall Immigration Reform

To the members of Nevada's Congressional Delegation:

On April 1, 2022, the Biden Administration announced the long-overdue termination of the World War II-era Title 42 program resurrected by the Trump Administration. People fleeing danger should be welcomed with dignity and given meaningful access to the United State's legal asylum process—without reliance on detention. Instead, this Trump-Stephen Miller scheme disguised as a public health measure has caused undue turmoil, and put asylum seekers in further danger amid a global pandemic. Human Rights First, an international human rights organization, has documented nearly [10,000 reports of kidnappings](#) and violent attacks on asylum seekers who've been expelled from the US, when it is our legal obligation to uphold our asylum and refugee laws. President Biden's plans to terminate the cruel and inhumane Title 42 policy will restore our values as a nation that welcomes refugees and asylum seekers.

The [efforts](#) to politicize access to asylum under the guise of public health needs to be stopped and not entertained as a way to mitigate migration to the United States. In order to repair and rebuild the U.S. immigration system in a fair and humane manner, Congress needs to pass comprehensive and inclusive immigration reform. The proposed anti-immigrant amendment to block asylum seekers at the border is not aligned with our values. The [Administration's plans](#) to end this policy are essential to rebuilding a more fair, orderly, and humane immigration system, starting with restoring access to asylum at the border.

It is also critical to acknowledge that Title 42 has disproportionately harmed Haitian and other Black migrants at the border. Under the Biden administration, Title 42 has been used to expel Black refugees back to the countries they fled and to dangerous regions in Mexico without giving them adequate access to our legal U.S. asylum process. Despite national outcry following brutality against Haitian families in Del Rio, Texas, the administration's cruelty towards Haitian people seeking asylum has escalated. Since taking office the administration has sent over 20,600 Haitians - including pregnant women, children, and babies - back to Haiti.

The Nevada Immigrant Coalition strongly urges our Nevada Congressional Delegation to vote **NO** on any amendments to the COVID-19 relief bill, or stand alone bills, that will tie the hands of the Biden Administration and block access to asylum at the border by keeping Title 42 in place. We strongly support the Administration's plan to revoke Title 42 and urge you to continue to stand in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers.

Submitted on behalf of the Nevada Immigrant Coalition (NIC), its allies, and elected officials across Nevada.

ACLU of Nevada

Ahora Latino Journal

Asian Community Development Council

Battle Born Progress

Be the Change PAC

Be the Change Project

Black Liberation Organizing Collective Fund

Care in Action

Center for Biological Diversity

Children's Advocacy Alliance

Councilwoman Olivia Diaz, City of Las Vegas

Culinary Workers Union Local 226

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Faith Organizing Alliance

Fifth Sun Project

Human Services Network

Immigration Center for Women and Children

Indivisible Northern Nevada

Leaders in Training (LIT)

Make the Road Nevada

Mass Liberation Project Nevada

Mayor Daniel Corona, City of West Wendover

National Association of Social Workers, Nevada Chapter

Nevada Assemblymember, Selena Torres

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

Nevada NOW

Nevada State Education Association

Nevada State Senator, Fabian Doñate

Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

Reno-Sparks NAACP

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SEIU Local 1107

Silver State Equality

Silver State Voices

Theresa Navarro

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada

ABOUT THE NEVADA IMMIGRANT COALITION:

The Nevada Immigrant Coalition (NIC) ensures immigrant, refugee, and new American voices are heard at a local, state, and federal level to advocate for humane and fair immigration policies. The coalition focuses on strengthening a network that provides services, resources, and deportation defense to immigrants and refugees across the state while strategically organizing around issues that are important to all Nevadans. We believe in working towards a Nevada that welcomes, respects, and protects everyone regardless of their immigration status.

The Nevada Immigrant Coalition (NIC) is comprised of Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, Culinary Union, Make the Road Nevada, ACLU of Nevada, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Asian Community Development Council, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, ECDC - African Community Center, Faith in Action Nevada, For Nevada's Future, ONE APIA Nevada, Silver State Voices, Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada, SEIU 1107, Battle Born Progress, Immigration Center for Women and Children, UndocuNetwork, and UNLV Immigration Legal Clinic.