

Sin Barreras/Without Barriers Policy Statement

Attacks on Asylum Candidates - July 15, 2019

Sin Barreras protests in the strongest possible terms the Administration's latest attempt to reduce the number immigrants coming to the U.S. fleeing for their lives. It's patently unlawful under U.S. law as well as international human rights law – and it's an unacceptable assault on our country's values.

As of May 31, the U.S. has allowed 18,000 refugees this year, 80% less than previous administrations, and a drop in the bucket compared to the 71 million refugees currently seeking protection. What has happened to our moral force?

The Trump administration has been tearing apart families and stoking fear and racism across the country for over two years. Last weekend, the president reminded us of what fuels his anti-immigrant agenda when he told four women of color and new members of Congress – to "go back" to where they came from. **This is racism, plain and simple.**

Sin Barreras calls on its supporters to write your congress people and senior members of the Administration to protest these latest moves.

The United States' fifty-year treatment of asylum seekers is being grievously eroded 1) by denying them the possibility to post bail; 2) by refusing to allow them to process their legitimate claims in the U.S.; 3) by proposing to charge a fee to apply; 4) by banning their work authorization; 5) by proposing to create a win/lose "asylum only" court and adjudicate in six months; 6) and now a proposed rule prohibiting anyone from applying if they have passed through another country and didn't seek asylum there first. These could be the neediest people in the Hemisphere and yet President Trump is attacking their right to be heard under U.S. law and in U.S. courts.

Please read the heart-rendering testimony of a twenty-six-year Asylum Claims Officer at https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/i-became-an-asylum-officer-to-help-people-no-w-i-put-them-back-in-harms-way/2019/07/19/1c9f98f0-a962-11e9-9214-246e594de5d5_story.html?utm_term=.da3bedf8e943, and then write your Representatives in Congress protesting these heartless attacks against the most vulnerable and most voiceless.