

Talking Points on Letters and Emails to Oregon Elected Officials Advocating for Title 42 to be Rescinded

The Biden Administration is using a public health order to keep most migrants from seeking asylum. Under Title 42, which Trump imposed in 2020, hundreds of thousands of individuals are being expelled without a hearing. Only non-Mexican children arriving alone are exempted, which sets up a sort of de facto family separation policy as some parents, desperate to keep their children from harm, send them across the border alone.

Using Title 42 to expel immigrants and asylum seekers violates international human rights and has been assailed by the U.N. Refugee Agency, Physicians for Human Rights, and the ACLU, among others.

Yes, we are in the midst of a global pandemic, but if the CDC has ways to assure that other asylum seekers (such as Afghans) don't have the virus, then certainly it can do the same for those attempting to cross our southern border. Failure to do so makes it appear that the continued use of Title 42 is politically motivated. Moreover, the effect of Title 42 is to send immigrants and asylum seekers into extremely dangerous situations, which is itself illegal under international law.

Learn more about Title 42 by reading these articles:

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-05-17/cracks-open-in-bidens-border-closure-under-pressure-from-lawsuit-advocates-and-easing-pandemic? amp=true& twitter impression=true&fbclid=IwAR0UF2E-rBJEXLC2xmwcG7zt15QG8DhldSGW7E3dPsXYld6uXhc4AiKNyY>

<https://prospect.org/justice/opposition-grows-to-bidens-deportation-practices/?fbclid=IwAR1Inksk-S5t8Got5Spt7VbdMDTIzQRI6AQErTHpuXgNQ7NXCDRuZPkyF2c>

Contact your elected officials by going to their websites and finding their comments sections. You may want to write to both Oregon Senators (Merkley: <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/contact> and Wyden: <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/email-ron>) and to President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>), and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas (Alejandro.Mayorkas@hq.dhs.gov)