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Florida Immigrant Coalition Leaders React to Federal Judge Ruling That Keeps in Place Racist & Dangerous Title 42

FLIC stands committed to see the end of this cruel policy

FLORIDA – A Louisiana federal judge ruled on Friday that Title 42 cannot end on Monday, May 23rd as it was scheduled to. Title 42 is a Trump-Era policy that led to the expulsion of more than one million lawful asylum seekers at our borders. It unjustly targeted Black immigrants, caused asylum seekers to face more dangers, and played no role in minimizing COVID-19 cases. In a recent Washington D.C. ruling ([Huisha-Huisa vs DHS](#)), the court found the absence of evidence regarding Title 42's efficacy as a public health measure, calling it “in certain respects like a relic from an era with no vaccines, scarce testing, few therapeutics, and little certainty.”

Co-Executive Director of the Florida Immigrant Coalition, Isabel Vinent states,

“Former Trump Administration anti-immigrant policy advisor, Stephen Miller, used Title 42 to justify dismantling the asylum system. This was a central front in the Trump - Miller war on immigrants. Title 42 has had a catastrophic effect on asylum seekers. More than 1.8 million migrants have been denied entry into the U.S. under the policy, forcing many back to the dangerous conditions they were escaping. The U.S. opened its ports of entry to tourists and other travelers last year but asylum seekers, even those with proof of Covid-19 vaccination status, continue to be blocked and expelled. This is proof that Title 42 was never about public health, but rather a racist cruel double standard put in place by the Trump administration, and administered for months by the Biden administration, to keep migrants from Black and Brown countries out. The Biden administration must do everything in its power to allow asylum seekers to enter the U.S.”

Yareliz Mendez-Zamora, Federal Campaign Lead for the Florida Immigrant Coalition comments,

“Title 42 is a racist and inefficient policy whose impacts have disastrous consequences for those who make the difficult decision to flee from their home countries. Title 42 is a thinly veiled attack on our immigrant communities, and seeks to demonize asylum seekers who come through our southern border. It is a human right to seek asylum, and it is a right to stay in the country where

a person is seeking asylum. It is heart-wrenching to see how COVID-19 relief is being tied to denying people their rights. However, we will not give up. We will continue to raise awareness and fight for restoration of our asylum processes."

Florida Immigrant Coalition's Communications Director, Adriana Rivera added,
"Seems out of this world to parade around the lack of COVID measures in certain states, such as ours, because the 'pandemic is over' or because 'it's all a hoax'. Yet it is the leaders of those same states who hold the loudest megaphones when talking about limiting the lawful passage of asylum seekers into our country. So what is it, are we done with COVID or are we not?"

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