



United States Senate
50 Constitution Ave NE
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Honorable Members of the United States Senate:

As LGBTQ and HIV-positive individuals who found refuge from persecution in the United States through asylum, we write to denounce the use of Title 42 to expel asylum seekers. The policy cruelly denies people like us the right to ask for protection. We ask with great urgency that you oppose and advocate against attacks on the asylum system, including any legislation that would keep Title 42 expulsions in place.

In addition to being asylees, many of us are now also lawful permanent residents and proud U.S. citizens. Our countries of origin are among the over 80 countries worldwide where being LGBTQ is a crime or fundamentally unsafe. We face violence, incarceration, or the death penalty as punishment for our sexual orientation and gender identity. Our communities are criminalized simply for being who we are while our governments treat our persecutors with impunity. We came to the U.S. seeking safe haven, and as asylees, we are now protected from having to return to harm.

We are deeply saddened that our LGBTQ and HIV-positive siblings at the U.S.-Mexico border no longer have the same opportunities we did to survive and thrive here. Under Title 42, people fleeing persecution cannot even ask for asylum in the U.S.—a blatant violation of their human rights and our laws. LGBTQ and HIV-positive asylum seekers now wait in makeshift refugee camps in Mexico, vulnerable to kidnapping, assault, rape, and murder.

Under Title 42, LGBTQ and HIV-positive individuals at the southern border are vulnerable to some of the same types of peril they faced in their countries of origin. This cannot continue. The U.S. government must uphold its obligation to provide safe haven to asylum seekers fleeing persecution. We urge you to oppose any legislation that extends Title 42 expulsions for one more day.

Thank you,

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Note: Some signers have chosen to remain anonymous for safety reasons.

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