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# Restoring Asylum & Dignity for Immigrants

*The Work Ahead*



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# OVERVIEW

- ☀️ Current asylum policy at the southern border & its impact on people seeking asylum
- ☀️ What immigrant advocates are seeing at the border
- ☀️ How policy impacts people living in cities across the nation
- ☀️ What we can do together to restore the right to asylum & ensure immigrants are treated with dignity



# OUR PRESENTERS



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# TITLE 42 EXPULSION POLICY

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**THANK YOU!**



# SEEKING ASYLUM IS LEGAL

“Any alien who is physically present in the United States or who arrives in the United States (**whether or not at a designated port of arrival** and including an alien who is brought to the United States after having been interdicted in international or United States waters), irrespective of such alien’s status, may apply for asylum in accordance with this section or, where applicable, section 1225(b) of this title.”



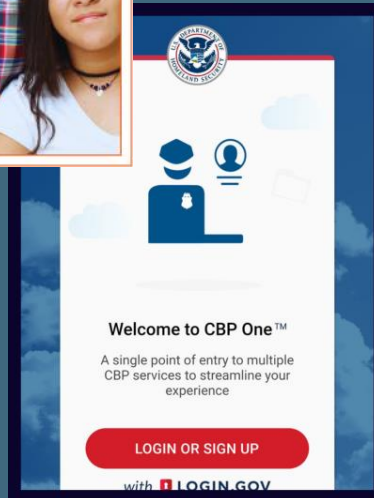
*-Immigration and Naturalization Act*  
8 USC 1158(a)(1)

# CURRENT ASYLUM POLICY

- ☀ President Biden's asylum ban:
  - ☀ "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways"
  - ☀ In effect for two years / reviewable
- ☀ Ban?
  - ☀ Limits who has the right to seek asylum
- ☀ How to seek asylum:
  - ☀ Have a CBP One appointment
  - ☀ Qualify for 1 of 5 exceptions



# POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS



- ☀️ Have sought asylum in a country you traveled through
- ☀️ Are a Mexican citizen
- ☀️ Are an unaccompanied minor
- ☀️ Can prove you cannot use CBP One due to language barrier, illiteracy, serious technical failure, or other serious obstacle
- ☀️ Can prove there were exceptional circumstances at the moment of your entry



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- ☀️ With a CBP One appointment:
  - ☀️ Most likely processed into the country
- ☀️ Without a CBP One appointment:
  - ☀️ Four exceptions are very difficult to prove
  - ☀️ Likely end up in CBP custody and deported without due process





# IN CBP CUSTODY



- ☀️ New policy started in April 2023
- ☀️ Keep people in CBP custody for credible fear interviews
- ☀️ Revamp of President Trump's policy
- ☀️ Can only access lawyers via phone
- ☀️ Deplorable conditions



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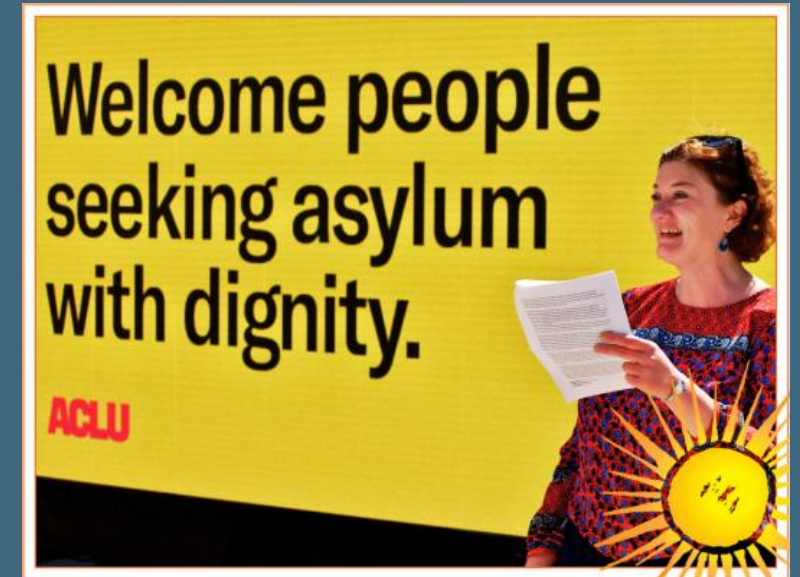
# HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## ☀️ INVEST

- ☀️ Border processing of asylum seekers
- ☀️ Communities receiving migrants in the interior

## ☀️ DIVEST

- ☀️ From militarization at the border





# TAKE ACTION

Be part of fixing the asylum system:



Sign a Catholic letter to Congress & invite your Catholic friends and family members to sign



Send an email to your Members of Congress





# RECAP

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# Questions?



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