



Dear Friend of the Center,

We need your support to help stop the Trump administration's latest assault on asylum seekers in the United States. On June 15, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the Executive Office for Immigration Review proposed a new regulation that, if enacted, would block access to protection for people and families fleeing persecution. It will become nearly impossible for individuals fleeing threats such as domestic violence, honor crimes, and harms associated with gender identity and sexual orientation to obtain humanitarian relief in the United States.

According to The National Immigrant Justice Center, the proposed rule would:

- Ban all claims to asylum arising out of gender-based harm, affecting countless women and LGBTQ asylum seekers fleeing horrific violence;
- Ban all claims to asylum arising out of gang violence and recruitment, despite an internationally recognized crisis that has propelled Central American nations to war-level murder rates due to gang violence;
- Ensure fast-track deportation for asylum seekers by drastically raising the burden they face to prove their claims in their initial interviews;
- Annihilate claims of well-founded fear of future persecution by including a perverse requirement that applicants show direct failure of their government to intervene;
- Breach confidentiality requirements that enable asylum seekers to safely disclose their fears and the violence they suffered to asylum officers and judges, likely chilling countless people from sharing their stories.

You have a chance to make your voice heard about this proposed cruel new rule. Please consider submitting a comment opposing the administration's continued assault on asylum seekers. The government must review each comment submitted before the new rule goes into effect.

This is the direct link to submit a comment: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=EOIR-2020-0003-0001>

While it's important to make each comment unique, many organizations have template comments that will submit directly to the regulations.gov website. They include:

- AILA
- CLINIC
- Tahirih Justice Center

On July 10 at 3 PM and July 12 at 1 PM, Villanova's Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services will be hosting virtual community-building comment-writing sessions to provide more information, answer questions, and support each other in writing comments. Please use this form to register.

The deadline to submit your comment is midnight on **July 15**.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to justice for immigrant communities.

Best,

Abel Rodríguez, JD
Director, [Center on Immigration](#)

Jennifer A. Bulcock, Ph.D.
Assistant Director, [Center on Immigration](#)

Arelis Almonte,
Assistant, [Center on Immigration](#)



CENTER ON IMMIGRATION

Center on Immigration
at Cabrini University |
[Website](#)

