



September 27, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

In 1991, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary adopted a Corporate Witness Statement on Haiti. In this statement, we “call upon ourselves to expand and deepen our knowledge and understanding of human rights abuses, the effects of global poverty, and the imbalance of power in our world.” In the spirit of humility, we “advocate for human rights for and with the people of Haiti and for and with immigrants in the United States.”

Our immigration system is broken, and our country is a far cry from the hope filled vision of the Statue of Liberty and proclaiming Emma Lazarus’ poem: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” The images and news reports from the Texas border show a gross misuse of power and appalling human rights abuses. These abuses are inconsistent with the Gospel mandate to “love your neighbor as yourself” and to “welcome the stranger.”

The use of Title 42 to expel asylum seekers to Haiti on the heels of an Earthquake and President Moise’s assassination is unjust. It further exposes a double standard in the US immigration system through which the administration recently extended Temporary Protected Status for Haitians.

We, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, stand with NETWORK, CLINIC and over 164 other Catholic organizations and call upon your administration to commit to ending the use of Title 42. We ask you to implement immigration policies that uphold the human right to seek asylum and return our country to a beacon of hope for all immigrants and migrants.

Be assured of our prayers for you as you seek to govern our nation with compassion and justice.

Sincerely,

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