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NATIONAL HAITIAN AMERICAN ELECTED OFFICIAL NETWORK

THE MIGRANT BORDER CRISIS

NHAEON REQUESTS THAT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION:

1 GRANT HUMANITARIAN PAROLE
Grant humanitarian parole to all Haitian migrants.

2 HALT DEPORTATIONS
Immediately halt all deportations and expulsion of Haitian migrants.

3 COLLABORATE WITH REFUGEE AGENCIES
Collaborate with state and international refugee agencies to release Haitian migrants under humanitarian parole.

4 DISCONTINUE THE USE OF TITLE 42
Discontinue the use of the Trump Administration's policy and practice of applying Title 42 (to circumvent the United States and international obligations for those seeking refuge based on the United Nations Convention Against Torture and humanitarian grounds) and rescind the accompanying CDC order. Additionally, require that the United States Department of Justice abandon any appeal of the decision in Huisha-Huisha v. Mayorkas in which the court granted a preliminary injunction from applying Title 42 to families.

End the application of Title 42 for all cases, not just families (current lawsuit) or unaccompanied minors (prior lawsuit). Ensure that migrants are allowed to present their claims to a judge or qualified legal officer to provide due process and discontinue the Trump Administration's practice of allowing CBP or ICE agents to evaluate migrant claims of asylum or vulnerability.

5 INVESTIGATE BORDER PATROL OFFICERS
Within 90 days, conduct a swift and thorough investigation of the Border Patrol officers on horseback who used reins to whip and chase migrants. The Administration shall preserve all information gathered from the investigation and produce a report to NHAEON within 30 days after the investigation is finalized.

6 PROVIDE RESOURCES
Provide resources needed to create in-country resettlement services and job creation for the deportees.

7 INCREASE THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED
Increase the funds appropriated to the Cuban Haitian Entrants Program.

8 PROVIDE RESETTLEMENT FUNDING
Fund a resettlement program designed and implemented by Haitian professionals and service providers, which includes housing and the support of government-funded employment services.

9 BUILD A BETTER IMMIGRATION SYSTEM
Prioritize building back a better immigration system to efficiently process all migrants seeking asylum, including Haitians.

10 ADDRESS COVID-19 CONCERNS
Address any COVID-19 concerns using evidence-based approaches, including basic public health measures such as testing, personal protective equipment (e.g. masks, etc.), and social distancing. Address concerns about "congregate settings" by not detaining the migrants en masse. More specifically, do not detain migrants in Guantanamo, a private prison, or anywhere else beyond a preliminary screening that would be conducted for any prospective refugee or parolee.

11 INDEPENDENT MIGRANT AUDIT
Notify NHAEON of the location of detained migrants and provide NHAEON with the ability to evaluate the whereabouts and well-being of these migrants. The Biden Administration shall provide and permit an independent auditor to monitor the facility 24/7 accordingly.

12 PROVIDE COVID VACCINATIONS
Provide vaccination to those willing and qualified to be vaccinated. Do not require vaccination of those who are unwilling or do not qualify to be vaccinated.

13 PROVIDE ACCESS TO MIGRANT INFO
Provide access to and contact information for migrants who were released so that pro bono immigration attorneys can communicate with them about their potential claims.

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