

*[Español abajo]*

November 27, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Joseph R. Biden:

As faith leaders, congregations and organizations in Central America, Mexico and the United States working for the right to stay or migrate with dignity, we urge you to take action to protect human rights and democracy defenders in Central America, those seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border, and migrants who have built a life in the U.S. We strongly urge you to:

1. **Impose Global Magnitsky Sanctions.** Targeted financial sanctions have been an important component of efforts to promote democracy and fight corruption in Central America, especially in Guatemala in 2023. The United States should apply Global Magnitsky financial sanctions to corrupt actors in Guatemala who continue to engage in significant acts of corruption and abuse of power, and are using the criminal justice system to abuse human rights and undermine a democratically elected government.
2. **Designate Guatemala for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and expand and redesignate TPS for El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, among others.** We also urge Citizenship and Immigration Services to make the processing of TPS application and renewal applications a top priority.
3. **Expedite the asylum and protection processes for exiled prosecutors, justices, journalists and environmental and human rights defenders from Central America and Mexico in the United States.**
4. **Restore access to asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border.** We urge you to rescind the Securing the Border Final Rule and the Circumvention of Lawful Pathways Rule, among other rules, and issue an urgent interim proclamation and rule that would facilitate increased appointments through the CBP One mobile application, allow processing of individuals at ports of entry once individuals with CBP One appointments have been processed, and restore access to asylum between ports of entry.
5. **Finalize the Modernizing H-2 Program Requirements, Oversight, and Worker Protections Rule,** which would significantly increase protections for agricultural and non-agricultural workers.

We ask your administration to take the necessary steps for the prompt implementation of these requests. We trust that you can hear the cry of the entire Mesoamerican region, the migrant families in the United States, and those who accompany them.

Signed,

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Fundación Tierra Nuestra	Guatemala
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Estimado Presidente Joseph R. Biden:

Como líderes de fe, congregaciones y organizaciones de Centroamérica, México y Estados Unidos que trabajamos en favor del derecho a quedarse o migrar con dignidad, le urgimos a tomar medidas que protejan a las personas defensoras de los Derechos Humanos y la democracia en la región, a quienes buscan asilo en la frontera de Estados Unidos con México, y a quienes han construido una vida en Estados Unidos. Por ello, le instamos encarecidamente a:

1. **Aplicar sanciones globales Magnitsky.** Las sanciones financieras selectivas han sido un componente importante de los esfuerzos para promover la democracia y luchar contra la corrupción en Centroamérica, especialmente en Guatemala en 2023. Estados Unidos debe aplicar sanciones financieras de la Ley Global Magnitsky a actores corruptos en Guatemala que siguen participando en actos significativos de corrupción y abuso de poder, y están utilizando el sistema de justicia penal para abusar de los Derechos Humanos y socavar un gobierno elegido democráticamente.
2. **Designar a Guatemala para el Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS) y expandir y redesignar la concesión de TPS a los nacionales de El Salvador, Honduras y Nicaragua, entre otros.** Le urgimos igualmente a que los Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración establezcan el procesamiento de solicitudes de aplicación y renovación de TPS entre sus máximas prioridades.
3. **Acelerar los procesos de asilo y protección para Procuradores de Justicia, Periodistas y Defensores del Medio Ambiente y los Derechos Humanos de Centroamérica y México exiliados en EE.UU.**
4. **Restaurar el acceso al asilo en la frontera de Estados Unidos-México.** Le urgimos a rescindir la Regla Final "Securing the Border" y la Regla "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways", entre otras reglas, y publicar una proclamación y regla interina urgentes que faciliten mayores citas a través de CBP One en los puertos de entrada, permitan el procesamiento de personas en puertos de entrada una vez se hayan procesado las personas con cita de CBP One, y restauren el acceso al asilo entre puertos de entrada.
5. **Finalizar la Regla "Modernizing H-2 Program Requirements, Oversight, and Worker Protections",** que permitiría la modernización del programa de visados H2 e incrementaría significativamente las protecciones para trabajadores agrícolas y no agrícolas.

Pedimos a su administración tomar los pasos necesarios para la pronta implementación de estas peticiones. Confiamos en que puedan escuchar el clamor de toda la región Mesoamericana, de las familias migrantes en Estados Unidos y de todos aquellos que los acompañan.

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