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Biden's Latest Immigration Blunder Puts Children in Peril

CHICAGO — This week, the Biden-Harris administration announced it would enforce the expedited removal of tens of thousands of families traveling with children who seek refuge in the U.S. The following is a joint statement from **Alianza Americas and Presente.org**:

“This announcement represents a major blow to the principle of humanitarian protection for families and children seeking humanitarian protection. The Biden-Harris administration committed to restoring asylum protections and protecting people seeking safe-haven, as well as immigrant communities. However, the decision to favor expedited removals constitutes a betrayal of that promise. It is obvious that the Biden-Harris administration remains trapped by those who continue to see migration as a negative factor to the wellbeing of the United States of America, when the opposite is true. It is truly shameful to see the richest nation on earth treating families and children running for their lives be sent back to the very conditions that made them flee, especially in the context of the global pandemic,” **said Oscar Chacon, executive director of Alianza Americas.**

“The Biden-Harris administration needs to align its policies with protecting human rights, while recognizing and elevating the tremendous contributions of migrants and refugees. The decision to impose the expedited removal process against migrant families traveling with their children is an abominable mistake. We expect our leaders to act in ways that prioritize care, family unification and dignity. By aligning themselves with the cruel policies of the previous administration, President Biden is failing to live up to the will and mandate from the voters who put him into office. We call on the administration to reverse this decision immediately,” **said Matt Nelson, executive director of Presente.org.**

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