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President Biden: Keep your Promises
End Title 42 & Former President Trump’s Policies
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They come in hope, leaving behind fear and persecution, violence and death. They heard the promises. They made their escape. Now, as their perilous journey nears an end, their dreams are turning back into nightmares.

This is not the trailer of a movie. This is reality for migrants who have made their way to the United States only to be returned due to the policies of the past and current administrations.

Unfortunately, President Biden continues to expel vulnerable people into harm's way using an obscure rule known as Title 42. This rule has been used to expel tens of thousands of people since the pandemic began.

Every day, families leave their homes and possessions behind, risking their lives to pursue safety and security elsewhere. In spite of promises to welcome people fleeing violence and oppression, the Biden administration has made far too little progress on creating a more just and humane immigration and asylum system that respects human rights.

In addition to demanding an end to Title 42 expulsions, we urge President Biden and Congress to end detention, deportations, and expedited removals of families, and to create a robust humanitarian reception system including welcoming hubs at the border and case management. We call upon activists and people of faith nationwide to raise their voices in every community and to Welcome with Dignity.

The National Advocacy Center educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and is in 70 countries on 5 continents and has had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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