

Immigration Action Team Boar Report

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During the first months of 2022, the Immigration Action Team (IAT) has continued working with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) on a multi-part effort to advocate for 1) an end to the expulsions carried out under Title 42 of U.S. public health law and 2) the termination of the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). March 20, 2022 will be the second anniversary of the implementation and enforcement of the Title 42 regulation, and our activities are planned around this date.

The first part of this effort is a letter to President Biden asking that he take steps to restore fair access to asylum as soon as possible and use his authority to end both the Title 42 and MPP policies. The letter is now available now for individuals, congregations, and organizations to sign. UU Letter to Biden Officials: Restore Asylum and End the Misuse of Title 42 (google.com)

The second part of the effort is a *Write Here! Write Now!* letter-writing campaign to urge members of Congress to press the Biden Administration to end both Title 42 expulsions and forcing asylum seekers to wait in Mexico under MPP. [Link]

The third part of the effort, a series of meetings with Congressional offices regarding an end to these policies, is planned for the second half of March. We will again be seeking constituents from the appropriate states to join in our meetings.

A briefing webinar to support these actions is scheduled for 8PM ET on Tuesday, March 25. [Link here?] Attendees will hear stories and updates from the border from Nicole Ramos, Director of Al Otro Lado's Border Rights Project in Tijuana, recorded testimonies from migrants stuck in limbo due to Title 42, and analysis from policy experts on how to save the asylum process in the U.S. They will also learn about the significance of recent court rulings, the complex web of barriers to asylum, and actions they can take to ensure fair access to safety for those who need it.