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Re: New Asylum Border Regulation and Border Troops From San Diego Rapid Response Network

Everyone has the legal right to seek asylum under international law. In the U.S. we have always honored the asylum process. The San Diego Rapid Response Network opposes anything that infringes on this right.

Sadly today, we are witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. Asylum seekers have fled from personal threats to their safety from countries including El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. A small percentage of these asylum seekers are staying in San Diego, while many more will travel to locations throughout the U.S. to stay with family or friends for support during the process.

As a coalition of human rights and service organizations, attorneys, and community leaders, the San Diego Rapid Response Network stands ready to provide a humanitarian response, aiding immigrants and their families in the San Diego border region.

Together, we ensure that no one stands alone in our community.

A 24-hour hotline is available for individuals to call, should they or someone they know be experiencing an immigration emergency (such as a raid, arrest, checkpoint and/or harassment) at 619-536-0823.

For non-emergency immigration legal assistance questions, local immigrants are encouraged to call the Network's pro bono legal assistance line at 858-637-3365.