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**AFRICAN COMMUNITIES TOGETHER CONDEMNS PROPOSED ASYLUM RULE;
CALLS ON BIDEN TO STAND WITH ALL ASYLUM SEEKERS**

WASHINGTON, D.C.- African Communities Together denounces President Biden's [proposed asylum rule](#), which disqualifies asylum seekers at the U.S./Mexico border unless they 1) have requested and been denied asylum in a country they traveled through, or 2) made an appointment to come to the border through the CBP One app.

If implemented, this rule will effectively bar Black and Brown migrants from being able to seek asylum in the U.S. simply based off of their method of travel. For African immigrants, it is nearly impossible to receive a visa to come to the U.S. Furthermore, the CBP One app is not translated into commonly spoken African languages, eliminating the opportunity for African migrants to make appointments.

The proposed rule blatantly violates internationally-recognized human rights and cements the legacy of this administration as one that not only stood by to watch our asylum system be torn apart, but aided and encouraged it. We urge the Biden administration to recognize the impact this policy would have on our communities and take action to save our asylum system and restore this country's place as a refuge for immigrants.

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About African Communities Together

African Communities Together is an organization of African immigrants fighting for civil rights, opportunity, and a better life for African families in the U.S. and worldwide. ACT connects African immigrants to critical services, helps Africans develop as leaders, and organizes African immigrant communities on the issues that matter.

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