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TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON “REMAIN IN MEXICO” SUSPENSION

Yesterday, the administration announced a suspension of “Remain in Mexico,” a policy implemented nearly two years ago that has forced more than 70,000 individuals to wait in Mexico as their asylum cases are processed. Thousands of individuals and families have been harmed under the policy, forcing survivors fleeing gender-based violence to live in dangerous conditions, with limited access to legal counsel and trauma-informed care. The Tahirih Justice Center is a plaintiff in the [lawsuit](#) challenging “Remain in Mexico”.

“The suspension of ‘Remain in Mexico’ is critical, so that not one more survivor fleeing persecution and in need of a lifeline is left out in the cold,” said Archi Pyati, Tahirih Chief of Policy and Communications. “This policy remains one of the cruelest, having forced thousands of families and individuals escaping violence to live in limbo, and because of homelessness and uncertainty at times, sustaining additional exploitation, violence, and trauma, all while waiting for months or even years for their day in court. We urge the government to bring due process and justice quickly to those who have waited far too long to access their legally enshrined right to seek asylum in the U.S.”

Archi Pyati is available for comment on this topic. Please contact rachelp@tahirih.org to arrange an interview.

About the Tahirih Justice Center

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant survivors fleeing gender-based violence. By centering the voices of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress, Tahirih’s mission is to create a world in which all people share equal rights and are treated equitably.