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## Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

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## Public Facing Advocacy Writing

The CCR blog

*This is CCR's weekly "Frontlines of Justice" news round-up, keeping you in the loop about what we've been up to and what's coming soon. Check it out every Monday, your one-stop-shop for CCR opinions, news coverage, reports from court appearances, upcoming events, and more!*

### **We filed an important new case for asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border**

Photo by Bruno Sanchez-Andrade Nuo

Asylum seekers fleeing persecution and violence are being illegally turned away at the U.S. Southern Border. Since Trump's election in November, an emboldened Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) have used myriad unlawful practices to turn away asylum seekers, and reports from the border are dire. On Wednesday, CCR joined the American Immigration Council to file a class action lawsuit representing the organization Al Otro Lado and individual asylum seekers. The case challenges CBP and the Department of Homeland Security's practice, in violation of U.S. and international law, of systematically forcing individuals fleeing persecution to return to countries where they face grave violence and the risk of death. Read more about the case [here](#).

Women in particular especially transgender women and children [can experience extreme violence](#) when fleeing their home countries, facing rape, assault, and extortion. Black immigrants are also facing escalating denials, with many Haitian refugees [seeking asylum at the border](#). U.S. foreign policy fueling violence and instability in Central America for decades is a root cause of this rising refugee crisis, now being exacerbated by the Trump administration's escalation of draconian immigration policies. Anyone fleeing violence and persecution has the right to apply for asylum, and CCR is fighting to protect that right.

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