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WASHINGTON The Bipartisan Border Solutions Act, introduced yesterday by Senators John Cornyn (R- TX) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and Representatives Henry Cuellar (D-TX) and Tony Gonzales (R-TX), would undermine fair and accurate asylum decisions and create new detention facilities for asylum processing, according to Human Rights First.

This bill is right out of the Trump administrations playbook. It would lead to the immediate deportation of refugees seeking protection despite their legitimate fears of persecution, said **Jennifer Quigley, senior director for government affairs at Human Rights First**. The last thing our laws should do is turn U.S. asylum assessments into rapid deportation devices aimed at deterring people from seeking refuge. Instead, legislative action should be focused on building a fair, timely, and humane asylum system that welcomes people seeking refuge with dignity and preventing a future administration from rigging asylum adjudications against refugees so they are turned back to persecution and danger.

While Human Rights First welcomes some measures in the bill, such as the increase of asylum officers and the inclusion of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Legal Orientation Programs at border facilities, we remain deeply concerned about provisions in the bill that would:

Instead, Human Rights First urges members of Congress to support the Refugee Protection Act and to demand the Biden administration implement measures that uphold U.S. refugee law and leadership.

Human Rights First, along with asylum legal experts, legal providers, and law professors, have laid out concrete [recommendations](#) for a fair, effective, and timely asylum system. Human Rights First has also [documented](#) the horrific humanitarian consequences of flawed, rushed, and rigged asylum screenings and proceedings, including the Trump administrations so-called Prompt Asylum Claim Review and Humanitarian Asylum Review Process. This week, it issued a [report](#) detailing the harms caused by the Biden administrations decision to continue to use the Trump administrations Title 42 policy to block and expel asylum seekers.

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