

When former felonist Tyrone muhammad was released from state prison he went on to start a violence prevention program to protect the African-American community in Chicago. But that dream was cut short. Tyrone returned to a flood of Venezuelan criminal gang activity, much of which targeted his own community. Tyrone's final straw was watching this government coddle these criminals. That's my final straw as well, fail this legislation.

Principally, fail to prioritize our constituents first.

To enhance their country's safety, Venezuela is releasing prisoners and sending them to the United States, where they will be provided with shelter. [Dana Kennedy at the New York post](#) tells us that Tyrone described the situation as blacks vs migrants. Chicago spent almost half a billion dollars over the last two years on more than 42,000 migrants who've arrived since 2022. Pushing out local African Americans, so they can get more government money for housing migrants. There are entire areas controlled by these gangs, 720 police incident reports against them, yet these gang members are being released by courts. A black teen told the post that they don't get arrested like we do, they receive help to get cars, apartments, EBT cards, and thousands of dollars whilst not even having a social security number. These are bad people. Affirming today means we prioritize migrants over people we were elected to serve, our own constituents.

Second, negate because of an excessive backlog.

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At the end of November 2024, out of the total backlog of 3,738,341 cases, 1,740,424 immigrants have already filed formal asylum applications and are now waiting for asylum. Asylum seekers go into detention centers, or into areas that accept them and have support networks. Then the [National immigration forum](#) states that the Biden administration hit 4% of their resettlement goal for immigrants in 2021, part of which is because we shifted our focus to Afghan evacuees, with the underlying problem being that they were stretched too thin. USRAP is who governs the procedure by which refugees around the world are screened and selected, yet their not even mentioned in the bill, it's a multifaceted process, and multiple institutions are tasked to oversee. After referral, refugees undergo pre-screening at Resettlement Support Centers, followed by detailed USCIS interviews. They then face extensive security and health checks. Once cleared, they are matched with U.S. resettlement agencies, receive cultural orientation, and initial support for three months. Processing times have increased from 18-24 months to up to 10 years due to additional vetting and other challenges. When the process takes so long, we don't see any of the impacts that the affirmation brings up.

Tyrone left a community that was impoverished and fragmented, we had 20 years to change that, yet he still returned to the exact same thing. Fail this legislation, and protect the people that you were elected to serve.