The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on June 12 that it sent notices of termination to hundreds of thousands of Cuban, Nicaraguan, Venezuelan, and Haitian nationals who are now currently illegally in the United States, saying they must leave the country and that their work permits have been revoked.

"DHS is now notifying parole recipients [that] if they have not obtained lawful status to remain in the U.S., they must leave immediately," the announcement stated.

The move comes after the Supreme Court ruled on May 30 that a Biden administration-era parole program could be ended under the Trump administration. Court documents and DHS have said that more than 500,000 people from those four countries were shielded from deportation under that program.

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DHS said in a statement that illegal immigrants will be told in the notice that their parole has been terminated and that their employment authorization has been revoked, both "effective immediately." The department added that it will email the notice to addresses provided by those parolees.

In the statement, DHS Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin said the Biden administration "allowed more than half a million poorly vetted aliens" and family members from those four countries to enter the United States and "granted them opportunities to compete for American jobs and undercut American workers."

The program also forced "career civil servants to promote the programs even when fraud was identified," McLaughlin stated, adding that only by ending the parole program will the United States return to "public safety."

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Illegal immigrants have also been encouraged by DHS to self-deport through the Customs and Border Protection mobile app, allowing them to get a \$1,000 "exit bonus" from the U.S. government. Earlier this week, DHS said that it would revoke any fines levied against the illegal immigrants if they use the app to self-deport.

"If you are here illegally, use the CBP Home App to take control of your departure and receive financial support to return home," Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said in a June 9 statement. "If you don't, you will be

subjected to fines, arrest, [and] deportation, and will never be allowed to return. If you are in this country illegally, self-deport NOW and preserve your opportunity to potentially return the legal, right way."

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More than two weeks ago, the Supreme Court <u>granted</u> the Trump administration's emergency request to revoke the parole program. The decision came after the high court allowed the administration to revoke temporary legal status for about 350,000 Venezuelan nationals in another case.

The court did not explain its reasoning in the brief order, as is typical on its emergency docket. Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented.

"The Government bears the burden of showing why it, or the public, will be irreparably injured should it be prevented from exercising its policy preferences *now* ... while the lawfulness of this agency action is being litigated," Jackson wrote in the dissent.

The Trump administration filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court after a Boston federal judge blocked its push to end the program. The Justice Department argues that the protections for people fleeing turmoil in their home countries were meant to be temporary, and the Department of Homeland Security can revoke them without court interference.