

Center for Victims of Torture Deeply Disturbed by Supreme Court's Misguided Decision on Asylum

ST. PAUL, Minn. & WASHINGTON—The Center for Victims of Torture™ (CVT) today responded to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision issued Wednesday to further impede the asylum process for many seeking safety in the United States.

“Yesterday, the Supreme Court of the United States allowed the Trump administration's unlawful Rule on Asylum to go into effect while it is litigated, virtually barring asylum for all who seek refuge at the southern border, except for Mexican nationals. Besides the devastation this decision brings to refugees, the decision is another step toward the continuing diminishing status of the United States as a leader in upholding the human rights of individuals. This move flies in the face of all that this country stands for and was built upon. Thousands of asylum seekers and refugees are fleeing heinous torture, war trauma and sexual violence. The callousness of this decision robs survivors of the promise of safety and recovery. We can only hope that pending legal challenges will right this grievous wrong.” — Curt Goering, CVT executive director.

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