# "REMAIN IN MEXICO" IMPACTS

## What is "Remain in Mexico"?

"Remain in Mexico," (RIM) officially known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) was implemented in January 2019. It is a U.S. immigration policy forcing asylum seekers arriving at ports of entry (POE), on the U.S. southern border, to be returned to Mexico to wait for the duration of their U.S. immigration proceedings.



#### migrants have been returned to Mexico

as of November 13, 2019

- Honduras
- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Cuba
- Ecuador

public reports of **rape**, kidnapping torture and other violent 340attacks against asylum seekers returned under MPP

#### **POE's/Cities Involved**

**Brownsville/Matamoros** Calexico/Mexicali El Paso/Ciudad Juárez Laredo/Nuevo Laredo San Ysidro/Tijuana **Eagle Pass/ Piedras Negras** 

The Mexican border state of **Tamaulipas**. the location of a RIM city, is a recommended no travel zone for U.S. citizens according to the U.S. State Department.



## **VULNERABLE POPULATIONS RETURNED**

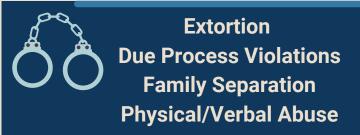
LGBTO+ **Pregnant Women** Children Disabled



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Members of all of these groups have been returned to **Mexico under this** policy.

#### Human Rights Violations Faced by Returned Migrants



Sexual and Gender Based Violence **Kidnapping** .... Homelessness Death Torture

Innovation Law Lab v. McAleenan

<u>On October 1st the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals heard</u> oral arguments for the lawsuit litigated by ACLU, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Center for Gender & Refugee Studies. While a decision is pending, the policy continues to be implemented.

#### T COURTS In September, tent facilities were set up by the

DHS and DOJ in Brownsville and Laredo, Texas with judges videoconferencing into courtrooms to hear asylum cases. The public has not had access to these hearings. The tent courts present a serious due process violation for asylum seekers.

Long wait times force migrants into more dangerous crossings, resulting in tragic **deaths** like Oscar and his daughter, Valeria

#### hearings are expected to be 400-700 held in tent courts EACH DAY in both cities

# 98%

# of asylum seekers in MPP lack legal representation

### "Remain in Mexico"



#### is an unsafe & unlawful policy

that will continue to harm asylum seekers at the

U.S. southern border.

#### #MigrantPersecutionProtocols

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