Consortium Urges Department of Justice to Withdraw Proposed Rules Aimed at Creating Barriers for Asylum Seekers

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On October 22, 2020, the Consortium and community partners <u>submitted a comment</u> to the Department of Justice objecting to proposed regulations that would dramatically compress the immigration court process, creating unsurmountable hurdles for asylum seekers and further eroding procedural protection in the asylum system. The Consortium raises concerns that the changes, which will radically limit the time frame for immigrants to seek legal representation and to develop a case for relief in court, will result in more immigrants proceeding without counsel and dramatically limit the effectiveness of representation for immigrants who do have a lawyer.