Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

In this week’s newsletter, you will read about:

- The ongoing political crisis in Peru
- The aftermath of Title 42
- The need for a regional approach towards migration as the number of Venezuelan migrants continues to increase, and more.

You can also catch up on a recent YouTube discussion on how the US is supporting peace efforts in Colombia.

WOLA’s experts work tirelessly to help all of us grasp this information in ways that are both impactful and meaningful. None of it would be possible without financial support from readers like you.

Each week, WOLA’s team works to advocate, raise awareness, and create change in a region that is continuously impacted by human rights violations and social justice issues. They listen to the voices of those who are repressed and restricted. They work closely with partners in the region to push for change. They relentlessly document their findings in the hopes that it will inform the decisions of policymakers and encourage them to implement more humane policies. And, most importantly, they work to produce the valuable content that helps the human rights movement to flourish.

It would mean a lot if you made a donation to WOLA today. We thank you for continuing to stand with us.

With gratitude,

Lauren Kimball
Vice President for Development

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- US MX: Shortly after the end of Title 42 on May 11, U.S. some legislators were fearful that there would be chaos at the U.S.-Mexico border. But those predictions were wrong. Adam Isacson pens an op-ed for MSNBC on Why the end of Title 42 wasn’t the nightmare Republicans said it would be.

- VS: While many believed that Title 42 would deter migrants from coming to the U.S.-Mexico border, Laura Dib, Director for Venezuela, stressed that this was not the case. In a recent interview with Voice of America she states that migration will continue to occur as long as human rights violations continue in Latin America.

- PE: As political unrest continues in Peru, WOLA joined other human rights NGOs in urging the Boluarte government to consider the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights’ (IACHR) proposal to investigate violations committed during recent protests. Read more about this.

- ☀️ We are excited to announce that WOLA President, Carolina Jiménez Sandoval, will be speaking on human rights at the border at LASA in Vancouver next week.
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

WOLA Director for Colombia, Gimena Sanchez, joined this week’s episode of Colombia Acuerdo de Paz to discuss how the U.S. is supporting peace efforts in Colombia. This event is in Spanish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US | WOLA EVENT
MAY 23, 2023 | 3:30PM EDT
BUSES AND PORTS
WASHINGTON, DC

Film Screening & Discussion

PAX for Peace and The Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) invite you to a film screening and panel discussion about the forced recruitment of minors and the reintegration of former child soldiers in indigenous reserves in Cordia, Colombia.

Please note that this event will be at Busboys and Poets on 14th & V ST, in Washington D.C.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?
RSVP to alma.termino@wola.org

LEARN MORE

U.S.-MEXICO WEEKLY BORDER UPDATE
In April 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-a-kind Border Oversight Database, which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

WOLA IN THE NEWS

“Deploying the military as your main migration control tool sends a message to both migrants and asylum seekers and to society that migrants are a threat and should be treated as a security issue, like an invasion.” This article is in Spanish.

– The New York Times: Migrantes deportados a México son expuestos a bandas criminales y funcionarios corruptos

“Seeking protection is a human right, and people also have rights along their journey, which is why we must continue to insist that governments not violate the rights of migrants and asylum seekers.” This article is in Spanish.

– La Jornada: Falta claridad a políticas migratorias de EU y México: especialistas

“I think it’s really important to stress that during Title 42, migration was not deterred. It just made it harder for people to enter the U.S., but people will continue to migrate as long as the conditions in the countries in Latin America continue to be as they are.”

– Latin America Reports: Why the end of Title 42 in the U.S. does little to solve South America’s migration crisis

STAND WITH US AS WE CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA