

Dear Acting Director of USCIS, Kenneth T. Cuccinelli:

We write as scientists, citizens and residents of the US to urge that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service abandon in their entirety the proposed changes to asylum procedures published in the *Federal Register* on June 15, 2020. These changes undermine the basic values embodied in the Constitution of our great country, are inhumane and would have precluded many of us and our colleagues from working in and contributing to the success of the USA had such restrictions been in place when we or our ancestors first arrived in the country.

We, the undersigned 54 Nobel Laureates, urge withdrawal of the proposed changes and renewed attention to pending asylum claims.

Yours Sincerely,

Sidney Altman	Chemistry	1989
Paul Berg	Chemistry	1980
Thomas R. Cech	Chemistry	1989
Martin Chalfie	Chemistry	2008
Robert F. Curl Jr.	Chemistry	1996
Johann Deisenhofer	Chemistry	1988
Joachim Frank	Chemistry	2017
Walter Gilbert	Chemistry	1980
Dudley R. Herschbach	Chemistry	1986
Brian K. Kobilka	Chemistry	2012
Roger D. Kornberg	Chemistry	2006
Roderick MacKinnon	Chemistry	2003
Paul L. Modrich	Chemistry	2015
Robert F. Engle III	Economics	2003
Oliver Hart	Economics	2016
Finn E. Kydland	Economics	2004
Eric S. Maskin	Economics	2007
Edmund S. Phelps	Economics	2006
Alvin E. Roth	Economics	2012
Vernon L. Smith	Economics	2002
David Baltimore	Medicine	1975
J. Michael Bishop	Medicine	1989
Andrew Z. Fire	Medicine	2006
Carol W. Greider	Medicine	2009
Leland H. Hartwell	Medicine	2001
H. Robert Horvitz	Medicine	2002
Louis J. Ignarro	Medicine	1998
William G. Kaelin Jr.	Medicine	2019
Craig C. Mello	Medicine	2006

Sir Richard J. Roberts	Medicine	1993
Michael Rosbash	Medicine	2017
Randy W. Schekman	Medicine	2013
Gregg L. Semenza	Medicine	2019
Phillip A. Sharp	Medicine	1993
Hamilton O. Smith	Medicine	1978
Thomas C. Sudhof	Medicine	2013
Jack W. Szostak	Medicine	2009
Harold E. Varmus	Medicine	1989
Torsten N. Wiesel	Medicine	1981
Michael W. Young	Medicine	2017
Jody Williams	Peace	1997
Eric A. Cornell	Physics	2001
Jerome I. Friedman	Physics	1990
Sheldon Glashow	Physics	1979
David J. Gross	Physics	2004
John L. Hall	Physics	2005
Wolfgang Ketterle	Physics	2001
Anthony J. Leggett	Physics	2003
John C. Mather	Physics	2006
James Peebles	Physics	2019
Adam G. Riess	Physics	2011
Daniel C. Tsui	Physics	1998
Rainer Weiss	Physics	2017
Robert Woodrow Wilson	Physics	1978