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President Donald Trump
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President Trump:

We are writing today to ask you to discontinue the barbaric practice of separating migrant children from their families as they enter the United States. This practice is shameful, immoral, and against American values. As noted by health experts, it can also result in irreparable trauma to the children impacted.

Migrants often seek entry into the United States to save their lives and the lives of their children. Your inhumane policies of separating children from their parents, many of whom have already experienced highly traumatic situations which led to their migration in the first place, is a cruel punishment for children who are totally innocent and have no control over their destiny.

Earlier this month, the United Nations human rights office called on the United States to cease separating children from migrant families, saying it violated their rights and international law. A spokeswoman for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights went on to say that “[c]hildren should never be detained for reasons related to their own or their parents’ migration status. Detention is never in the best interests of the child and always constitutes a child rights violation.”

In addition to the United Nations denouncement, Catholic bishops have declared the practice immoral. Further, the American Psychological Association, physicians, and health care experts have warned about the health dangers of separating children from their families, including long lasting physical and emotional harm. The trauma experienced by young children could be irreparable and permanently impact and harm their lives.

Your “zero tolerance” policy is ripping families apart and will result in trauma for generations to come. We call on you to immediately end this cruel practice, which does nothing but harm innocent children.

Sincerely,

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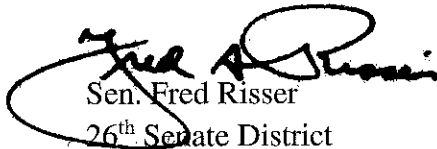
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