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Dear _____,

I am a resident in your district and I write to express my concern for immigrant children who have been separated from their families. I am deeply ashamed of our country's treatment of these children. It is simply unconscionable and unacceptable. Separating families is cruel and should never be used as a deterrent.

While I am grateful that the implementation of the family separation policy has been temporarily halted, I am concerned that without wise intervention, our government will enact more harmful and inhumane policies. Further, the Executive Order that the President has signed has done little, if anything, to ease the pain and the trauma for the thousands of children who have been separated from their parents and transported to sites around the United States. Research is clear that the trauma of familial separation can have profound lasting consequences including learning and behavioral problems, as well as reduced immune functioning. To that end, I write urging you to use your power and influence to demand that 1) the Department of Homeland Security create a plan to reunite the over 2300 children who have already been separated from their parents; 2) the President's directives coincide with the Executive Order he signed to maintain family unity; and 3) this Administration ceases its "zero-tolerance" policy toward those seeking safety and asylum in the United States, regardless of their point of entry. Instead, I hope you will lead the effort and join in dialogue with your colleagues in the House and Senate to create an immigration policy that is just, humane, and upholds the values of our country. A just society can fulfill its fidelity to its own laws and border security without resorting to unwise and harmful practices; rather, I urge that compassion, fairness and family-affirming policies characterize our response to the plight of families on our borders.

It is my hope that you will work towards a resolve that maintains the dignity and value of each person, regardless of their country of origin.

May you be granted wisdom and courage to fulfill your duties.

Sincerely,

Signature Print Name

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