

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned 441 faith leaders and 74 faith-based organizations, write to call for you and your colleagues to oppose the administration's practice of family incarceration and any legislative effort to alter or weaken the protections of the Flores settlement agreement that would expand family detention and indefinitely lengthen the time immigrant children are held in custody, vulnerable to abuse and trauma.

As people of faith, our concern stems from shared values rooted in our sacred texts that remind us to love our neighbor and welcome the sojourner among us. As Leviticus 19:34 (CE) reminds us: "Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God."

In many faith traditions, family is the fundamental unit in society through which individuals are able to grow and experience the love of God. Our varied faith traditions also call on us to safeguard the well-being of children and ensure that children are cared for, provided the space to be free and learn and grow – to be loved. More than that, their vulnerability causes us to seek to be our best, knowing they are fully reliant on us. Our collective faith traditions hold deeply to the idea that children are to be treasured and protected and our sacred scriptures exhort us to safeguard the vulnerable, and who amongst us is more vulnerable than children?

It is unconscionable and unfathomable then that we see the administration taking drastic efforts to significantly expand family incarceration by eviscerating the basic Flores protections for immigrant children in federal custody. Flores requires the government to prioritize child welfare when it assumes custody to protect children from inappropriate and unsafe conditions. Children must be released from custody without delay, preferencing release to a parent, or, under certain circumstances, be held in the least restrictive and an appropriate setting, generally in a non-secure facility licensed by a child welfare entity. The notice of proposed rulemaking<sup>1</sup> to change the foundations of the Flores settlement is deeply concerning, and as people of faith we are compelled to speak out in opposition. Any legislative vehicle that seeks to do the same should be immediately condemned.

Flores protections are the minimum standard of care for immigrant children; it is the very baseline of our duty to children. Implementation of the proposed rule will only cause further harm to children and families. Instead of working tirelessly on federal regulations to protect families and children and care for the most vulnerable, the administration is contorting federal policy and practice and using the regulatory and rulemaking process to bolster their agenda. The physical and mental effects of detention on children are long lasting and have been decried and documented by a number of professional health organizations. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics:

"Studies of detained immigrants, primarily from abroad, have found negative physical and emotional symptoms among detained children, and posttraumatic symptoms do not always

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/09/07/2018-19052/apprehension-processing-care-and-custody-of-alien-minors-and-unaccompanied-alien-children>

disappear at the time of release...Qualitative reports about detained unaccompanied immigrant children in the United States found high rates of posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, and other behavioral problems. Additionally, expert consensus has concluded that even brief detention can cause psychological trauma and induce long-term mental health risks for children.”<sup>2</sup>

A host of professional medical organizations have a compendium of evidence and statements opposing the detention of families and children, including the American College of Emergency Physicians<sup>3</sup>, American College of Physicians<sup>4</sup>, American Medical Association<sup>5</sup>, American Psychological Association<sup>6</sup>, and the American Psychiatric Association<sup>7</sup>.

News reports have illustrated the traumatic - and potentially deadly - effect of detention on children – including that of a toddler who died after contracting a respiratory infection at the Dilley Detention Center.<sup>8</sup> This summer, two doctors serving as medical and psychiatric subject-matter experts for the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties stated:

"The fundamental flaw of family detention is not just the risk posed by the conditions of confinement—it’s the incarceration of innocent children itself. In our professional opinion, there is no amount of programming that can ameliorate the harms created by the very act of confining children to detention centers. Detention of innocent children should never occur in a civilized society, especially if there are less restrictive options, because the risk of harm to children simply cannot be justified.”<sup>9</sup>

The Flores settlement agreement exists for a reason – the United States has never been capable of protecting children while in detention. We will continue to hear similar reports as long as families and children are imprisoned.

The American people are being presented with a false choice – detaining and imprisoning families or separating children from their parents are not the only two options – even within the limiting and constrained immigration system we have. Existing community-based alternatives to detention exist, such as the Family Case Management Program (FCMP), which cost less, have high rates of compliance and effectiveness, and help families navigate the immigration and asylum process.<sup>10</sup> Congress must act - to pressure the administration to end the “zero tolerance” policy that separates children and to

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<sup>2</sup> <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/03/09/peds.2017-0483#ref-52>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.acep.org/federal-advocacy/federal-advocacy-overview/children-immigration-statement/#sm.001c9lbkx14xvdc8umq107srzqx8d>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.acponline.org/acp-newsroom/acp-objects-to-separation-of-children-from-their-parents-at-border>

<sup>5</sup> <https://twitter.com/AmerMedicalAssn/status/1009375307919515649>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2018/05/separating-immigrant-families.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.psychiatry.org/newsroom/news-releases/apa-statement-opposing-separation-of-children-from-parents-at-the-border>

<sup>8</sup> [https://news.vice.com/en\\_us/article/paw9ky/toddler-died-after-getting-sick-in-ice-custody](https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/paw9ky/toddler-died-after-getting-sick-in-ice-custody)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Doctors%20Congressional%20Disclosure%20SWC.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.aila.org/infonet/the-real-alternatives-to-detention>

immediately reunify families, as well as to invest in the proven community-based alternatives to detention.

We urge you to listen to our upraised voices – end the needless and harmful practices of family detention and do not rubber stamp the administration’s efforts to breach the Flores settlement agreement. Turn your efforts instead to working on policies that uphold the asylum process, protect the migrant family and welcome the stranger. We remain rooted in the faithful idea of loving and welcoming our neighbor, and we remain resolute in our call to welcome families and uphold each person’s intrinsic dignity and humanity.

Sincerely,

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Sister Rosemary Welsh; Sisters Of Mercy  
Sister Anne Connolly; Sisters of Mercy  
Rev. Helen P. DeLeon; Webster Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Kenneth Ramsey; Pastoral Care Educator  
Reverend Suzanne F. Isaacs; JFON-SA  
Rev. Dr. Isabel N. Docampo; Church in the Cliff  
Rev. MaryLou Dillon; United Memorial Christian Church  
Rev. Dr. Jann Aldredge-Clanton; Church in the Cliff  
Rev. William Smith Center Point Christian Church  
Sr. Mary Boesen; Sisters of Loretto  
Sister Lourdes Leal; Congregation of Divine Providence  
Rev. Andy Shelton; Brite Divinity School  
Rev. Jane Perrine; United Christian Church  
Rev. Steven Klemz; Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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### **Vermont**

Rev. Canon Dr. David Hamilton; All Saints Episcopal Church  
The Venerable Catherine Cooke; Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
Rev. Mary Lee-Clark; Second Congregational Church UCC

### **Virginia**

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Rev. Jay Campbell; Mount Vernon UMC  
Rev. Theresa Brion; The Chapel of All Saints  
Rev. Dr. Jeanne MacKenzie; Westminster Presbyterian  
Deacon Eugene Betit; Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Rev. Robert Harris; Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Rev. Dr. Kathryn Dwyer; Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ  
Elder Phyllis T. Albritton; Blacksburg Presbyterian Church  
Rabbi Ellen Jaffe-Gill; Tidewater Chavurah  
Rev. Elizabeth Buxton; Batesville United Methodist Church  
Rev. Dr. Leah Grundset Davis; Ravensworth Baptist Church  
Rabbi Esther Lederman; Temple Micah  
Rev. Alexis Kassim; Little River UCC  
Rev. Victor Tupitza; Calvary Baptist

### **Washington**

Pastor Anne Hall; Lutheran Church in the San Juans  
Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski; Fautleroy UCC  
Mr. Michael Ramos; Church Council of Greater Seattle  
Elder Leanne Sowers; Community of Christ  
Rev. Mark Lancaster; Generous Heart Sangha  
Rev. Sandra Messick; Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Rev. Anita Peebles; Seattle First Baptist Church  
Sr. Charlene Hudon, SP; Sister Of Providence Mother Joseph Province

### **Washington, D.C.**

Bro. Brian McLauchlin; Divine Word Missionaries  
Rabbi Daniel Zemel; Temple Micah  
Sister Hena Zuberi; Rashidun Community Center & Mosque  
Rev. Maria Swearingen; Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Sally Sarratt Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Elizabeth Bebbler; Christ House Washington  
Rev. Dr. Kristopher Norris; Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Elizabeth Hagan; Palisades Community Church  
Rev. Dr. Stephen Gentle; National City Christian Church  
Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner; Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism  
Dr. Michael Bledsoe; Riverside Baptist Church  
Rev. Eric Bebbler; Baptist  
Sister Denise Curry; Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

### **West Virginia**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins; Bethany Memorial  
Rev. Dr. Frederick Trost; United Church of Christ  
Rev. Sonja Ingebritsen; Community of Hope UCC

### **Wisconsin**

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Sister Ruth Battaglia; Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes Fond du Lac  
Sr. Stella Storch; Dominican Fond du Lac

Sister Brigid Layden; CSA  
Rev. Irene Senn; House Church  
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Sister Diane Bauknecht ; Sisters of St. Agnes  
Sister Jeremy Quinn; Sisters of St. Agnes  
Sister Jean Salchert; Sisters of St. Agnes  
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Robert Foss; Ascension Alliance for Spiritual Renewal  
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Julia Karimu; Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Michael Babitch; Christian Community  
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Mary Mindling; Sisters of Mercy of the Americas  
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Mary E. Hunt; Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER)  
Janice Bader; Sisters of the Most Precious Blood  
Peter Levitt; Salt Spring Zen Circle  
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Linda Haydock; Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary  
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