

MomsRising.org

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of MomsRising's million-member parent network, I urge you to end family separation and incarceration.

Children deserve to be with their families outside of cages, and they deserve to have their rights protected. Families should not be imprisoned. Proposing to reunite children with their families and then imprisoning them indefinitely in jails or detention centers is no solution, nor is forcing them to the violence and danger they risked their lives to flee.

Across the country, hundreds of thousands of people have called, emailed, and rallied in support of immigrant children and families. Yet today, families seeking asylum - many of which are led by moms - are being held in prison-like facilities. The moms of the United States of America do not want their taxes used to pay for family incarceration, and are calling on Congress to instead allocate money for common sense and fiscally responsible alternatives to detention like the highly effective Family Case Management Program.

The same is true today as it has been throughout history: People move to make life better for themselves and their families. It's far from easy to move - to pack up everything and go to a new place takes courage - but you do it in order to provide necessary safety and security for your family.

We can and must do better as a nation to provide a fair process for asylum-seeking families who have had to make this difficult choice to come to our shores seeking safety for their families.

How we treat new immigrants reflects our commitment to the values that define us as Americans. We believe that families should stick together, that we should look out for each other, and that hard work should be rewarded. We call on Congress to create a fair immigration process that is true to the values we aspire to as a nation.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
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