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Senator Tom Udall
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tom Udall:

We are writing to add our voices to the outrage at the inhuman, un-American policy of the Trump administration that is deliberately tearing immigrant children from the arms of their parents. We strongly support efforts in Congress to stop this senseless policy.

It is difficult to imagine an action more discordant and damaging to our national sense of pride and patriotism and to our sense of shared humanity. The President apparently has measured the lives of these children and decided they were worth far more as bargaining chips than as human beings.

As New Mexico mayors we live the reality—not the politics—of life along the border. We know firsthand the overwhelming benefits that come with opening our arms to the world, tearing down barriers between us, and embracing what makes us different. We know the difference between smart border policy and racist rhetoric.

New Mexico's story is America's story. Here, succeeding waves of immigrants built communities of people unlike anything else in the world—communities we are proud and honored to lead today.

In our cities, diversity and difference have become a source of strength, not fear. More than that, they are deeply held values.

When we abandon that history we risk much more than embarrassment and anger at a President desperate to drive hatred and distraction. We risk who we are. We risk who we strive to be. We risk the values at the heart of our communities.

It seems that this administration's policy is to be as heartless as possible as often as possible. For as long as that is the case, we will fight back: standing up for our immigrant-friendly cities, marching, speaking out, and rallying against these policies at every opportunity.

We are being tested. Democracy and democratic ideas are being tested. We must respond on behalf of the people we represent, our children, and the 2,000 children and counting who have been ripped from their families' arms.

Sincerely,



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