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Reports of D.H.S. Officials Violating US Policies On Family Unity Need Investigation

Dear Mr. Roth,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately investigate Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) practices that have resulted in the separation of asylum-seeking parents from their children in detention in violation of US policies on family-unity.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of at least four cases between November 10 – 13 of Central American fathers including **Eric Edgardo M.C., Jose D.F., Carlos B.A., and Walter R.A.**, forcibly separated from their children while crossing into the United States from Mexico to seek asylum from death threats and irreparable harm.

We strongly believe that you and the Department of Homeland Security have a responsibility under DHS policy to investigate these reports, including the CBP policy to “maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible, absent a legal requirement or an articulable safety or security concern that requires separation.” If your investigation finds these reports of policy violations to be true, then we would urge you to take action to hold any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ambassador Kelly Knight Craft