



## **STATEMENT URGING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO RESCIND ITS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY IMPACTING THE U.S./MEXICO BORDER**

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Since implementing the Zero Tolerance policy, the Trump Administration's Department of Homeland Security has separated and detained more than 2,000 children seeking entry into the U.S. along our southern border. We are concerned with the alarming and unacceptable injustice under which children are being forcefully separated from their parents.

We urge the Trump Administration to rescind its Zero Tolerance policy and implement a more humane and compassionate way to address the children and families seeking asylum in our country.

"When immigrants, including children, arrived at Ellis Island, they saw the Statue of Liberty. Today, these children are seeing cages, guns, and concrete walls. This is not the way we should receive the vulnerable seeking our help or portray ourselves to the world," stated Isaac Faz, President of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association. "Additionally, we seek transparency. We ask the administration to allow the press and civic groups to take video and photos of the events within these facilities."

The DHBA further calls upon all elected officials and representatives to support clean legislation that would bring an immediate end to this humanitarian crisis. Our nation was built on the back of immigrants, and from its inception to today, immigrants contribute to our society in meaningful ways. It's time to reunite families and restore the values that made this country great.

*The Dallas Hispanic Bar Association (DHBA) is the largest Hispanic Bar association in North Texas and affiliated with the Dallas Bar Association. We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization with the goal to promote the social, economic, educational, and civic advancement of the DFW Metroplex Hispanic community by making the legal system more accessible to the Hispanic community and more responsive to its needs.*