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Human Rights Commission Decries Federal Government's Actions

Monticello, NY – The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission released the following statement today on the ongoing situation along the U.S.-Mexico border:

“The actions of the federal government towards undocumented immigrants have long been of concern to those focused on human rights, but the literal ripping apart of families – thus far involving at least 2,000 innocent children – is a shameful and heartbreaking act of personal trauma that no moral individual can accept or tolerate.

We are a nation which prides itself on human decency, personal hospitality and the humane application of the law. Under President Donald Trump, the federal government's approach to the serious plight of these immigrants' lives and families violates each of those noble traditions and deeply undermines our moral standing both domestically and abroad.

We agree that a compassionate, fair solution must be found for the flow of undocumented immigrants across American borders, but forcefully separating children from their parents is neither compassionate nor fair. Neither will it lead to a very much needed harmonious outcome, instead further needlessly polarizing this country and our world.

We call upon President Trump and his advisors to cease this violation of basic human rights immediately and to work constructively with Congress and aid agencies to reach a resolution that does not add to the misery and injustice already permeating immigrants' lives.

- **Commissioners Kathie Aberman, Shanita Artson, Judy Balaban, Martin Colavito, Sam Encarnacion, Bill Liblick, Donna Schick”**