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*mujeres activas en letras y cambio social*

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Dear MALCS Community,

As scholars, artists, and activists, the members of MALCS, remain heartbroken and outraged about the Trump administration's "Zero Tolerance" policy that has led to immoral and reprehensible acts, including the forced separation of immigrant children from their parents. Research shows that forced separation and detainment of children can have irreparable effects on their socio-emotional and physical health. We express deep concern for the thousands of children and their families who are still separated and living in trauma without a clear process to swift reunification.

MALCS members understand that there is a long legacy of forced child separation and internment camps in this country, and we are taking numerous collective and individual actions to interrupt the current manifestation of this legacy. We support asylum seekers and organizations such as the ACLU that are taking legal action in regard to the "Zero Tolerance" policy and the Trump administration's violation of children's rights and human rights. We call on others to take action and to stand for humanity and on the right side of history.

In solidarity with all immigrant and marginalized families,

*Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS) Executive Committee  
(on behalf of its membership)*

### CALL TO ACTION

**Use your voice** to contact U.S. Government officials and ask them to protect our immigrant and refugee families:

- Elected local officials
- U.S. Department of Justice
- The White House

**Support** SB 3036 "KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT"

- Dial 202-224-3121
- Say your ZIP Code
- When connected, simply say: "I LIVE IN (City, State) AND I SUPPORT SB3036."



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**Choose to donate**, even a small amount, to national organizations such as the ACLU and RAICES; or to smaller organizations that are often in even greater need of the money. Some smaller organizations directly working with separated and refugee families include:

Annunciation House

<https://annunciationhouse.org/>

Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee

<https://dmscelpaso.wixsite.com/dmscelpaso>

Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

<http://las-americas.org/>

Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services

<http://www.dMrs-ep.org/>

ALDEA - The People's Justice Center

<https://aldeapjc.org/>

Santa Fe Dreamers Project

<http://www.santafedreamersproject.org/>

Al Otro Lado

[www.alotrolado.org](http://www.alotrolado.org)

Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

<https://cgrs.uchastings.edu/>