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### **Foundations Unite Against Family Separation, Detention**

SEBASTOPOL, CA—More than 70 foundations and philanthropy-supporting organizations have signed onto a [joint statement](#) supporting immigrant children and families seeking refuge in the United States, with more adding their names daily. “We, the undersigned, stand united in our belief that separating families, as well as detaining them together indefinitely, is morally unacceptable and traumatic for parents and children.”

The signatories include local, state, regional, and national institutions with a wide range of grantmaking and geographic priorities. Through the joint statement, organized by [Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrant and Refugees \(GCIR\)](#), they collectively affirmed a commitment to “values of fairness, compassion, and family integrity that underpin our work in philanthropy and our very identity as a nation.”

The statement, joins a chorus of bipartisan opposition to current policies, including by a [growing list of CEOs](#), [all five living first ladies](#), and a wide range of professional organizations, as noted in the text. If you wish to sign on, please contact Michael Kavate ([michael@gcir.org](mailto:michael@gcir.org)) with your institution’s full name; the name and title of your signatory (e.g., the CEO, the board chair, etc.); and the city and state where your organization is located. GCIR will continue to accept signatures in the coming weeks. Funding recommendations related to family separation and detention are available upon request from Aryah Somers Landsberger ([aryah@gcir.org](mailto:aryah@gcir.org)).

Founded in 1990, GCIR works to influence philanthropy to advance the contributions and address the needs of the country’s growing and increasingly diverse immigrant and refugee populations. GCIR partners with a growing network of member foundations, as well as the greater philanthropic community, on a wide range of immigration and immigrant integration issues, including education, health, employment, civic participation, racial and economic justice, and other concerns affecting immigrant children, youth, and families.

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