

## Hyams Foundation on U.S. Immigration Policy; Muslim Travel Ban

The Hyams Foundation condemns the Trump Administration's recent statements and actions regarding immigration policies and the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Muslim travel ban, calling them "dangerous, reckless, and misguided."

After a strong wave of opposition to the Trump Administration's policy of separating immigrant children from their families, the President signed an executive order on June 20 to keep children and parents in detention together "where appropriate and consistent with law."

Despite this order, many questions remain, including how the more than 2,000 children already separated from their parents will be reunited. Furthermore, President Trump has stated that immigrants entering the country should be immediately deported without being granted a court hearing.

"This Administration's immigration policy is cruel, unconscionable, and unjustified," said Hyams Executive Director Jocelyn Sargent. "America has a history of forcibly separating families of color, and this policy is no exception—traumatizing and warehousing children is inhumane, and while the Administration says it will reunify families, there is no concrete plan in place.

"America also has a long history of extending the right of due process, and eliminating hearings for undocumented immigrants is in direct violation of the values we as a nation hold dear."

Adding fuel to the fire, on Tuesday, the Supreme Court upended lower court rulings and upheld the Administration's travel ban that targets individuals from several predominantly Muslim countries, in another move that divides families.

"This ruling is yet another example of the unraveling of our American ideals and families, and a strengthening of the tide of xenophobia and hate that has risen in recent years," continued Sargent. "This ruling is unconstitutional, unnecessary, and will only serve to inject more hatred towards immigrants and people of color.

"Bans and borders endanger families and American values and now it is up to us: It's time for us to join forces—as philanthropists, nonprofits, religious organizations, community groups, and everyday citizens—to stop the turmoil experienced by these families and individuals. Our communities deserve better, and we have a collective and moral responsibility to put an end to the pain, xenophobia, and uncertainty that these policies bring."

*In September, Hyams announced its participation as a lead partner in the Greater Boston Immigrant Defense Fund, a public-private collaboration aimed at expanding legal services and protection for the city's immigrant and refugee communities. The Fund will provide approximately \$1.4 million in funding for local organizations that provide support and legal services for immigrant and refugee communities. To learn more visit:*

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