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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley,

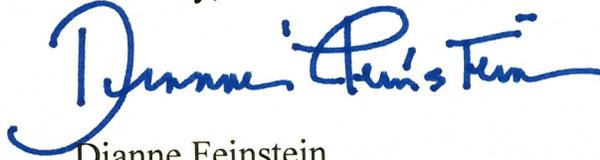
I write to respectfully request that the Senate Judiciary Committee hold an oversight hearing on three of the most recent Trump Administration policies, including, the systematic separation of children from their parents, the development and implementation of the Department of Justice's 'zero tolerance' policy on asylum seekers, and the failure of the Administration to physically reunite these families who were unnecessarily separated.

Americans were rightly shocked to hear the cries of babies calling out for their mothers and fathers and I am deeply concerned about the harm this has had on children and families. I also am concerned the Administration has not implemented a comprehensive strategy to reunite the families and instead continues these arbitrary separations. The Administration took the first step by issuing an Executive Order last week, however, it appears that Order did not rectify this situation and instead created new challenges. In addition, it appears that a comprehensive plan to identify, track, and reunite families has not been developed.

Congress has a constitutional obligation to exercise its oversight authority. The Senate Judiciary Committee deserves an opportunity to examine these policies and their impacts on families, children, and the budget. We cannot resolve the crises in our hemisphere by draconian policies that further inflict trauma on

children. I respectfully ask that you schedule a Committee hearing on this important matter as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator