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Four Things You Can Ask Congress to Do Now

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Prompted by [public outcry over the news that children](#) detained in US immigration holding cells don't have enough food, water, or care, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle have said they're looking for ways to make sure that [what we saw](#) in the Clint, Texas facility last week doesn't happen again.

Here are four things you can ask the US Congress to do now:

Congress should also insist that the relevant US agencies dramatically speed up family reunifications.

This includes time limits for their detention in border station holding cells. And yes, that means [toothbrushes, soap, showers, and mattresses](#) for children while they're in these cells.

Yes, these reforms cost money. But they are a better use of public funds than the cruel containment policy government agencies are currently paying for [more than US\\$1 million per day to run the largest ORR facility, in Homestead, Florida](#), and [even more for the detention camp outside Tornillo, Texas](#) until it closed in January.

When we add to that the cost of having Border Patrol officers do childcare tasks and the human cost of the trauma of abusive detention, the humane approach may well be the most economically prudent option as well.

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