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### **CALL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

There is a current, urgent need to push back against this administration's proposal to gut the protections provided by the Flores Settlement.

<u>Find Your Representatives</u> (their contact information will be listed after you put in your address), and look up their stance on this administration's policies thus far: whether they are for, against, or have remained silent. We have provided scripts below based on your representatives' stance.

Senator / Representative / Governor \_\_\_\_\_\_your representative's last name

### If they have not released a public statement on the administration's immigration policies:

My name is <u>(your name)</u> and I live in <u>(your city, town or neighborhood)</u>. I'm calling as a concerned constituent. I am troubled by the Trump administration's recent proposal to scrap the Flores settlement in favor of indefinite detention in loosely regulated facilities.

I see the promises of "campus-like" family detention centers for what they are: a smokescreen to use indefinite child detention as a deterrent to immigrants and asylum seekers. I do not trust the ability of ICE or CBP to independently maintain humane conditions at these facilities given their continued violations of the existing standards. I have read numerous sworn declarations of children facing unsafe, unsanitary conditions, verbal abuse from guards, and separations from their families a *full year* after the executive order ending that policy.

Your silence on this issue is of deep concern. I urge you to speak up and condemn this administration's proposal to replace the Flores Settlement.

I am part of a public information project that is amplifying the experiences of these young detained immigrants, and our ranks include high profile artists, lawyers, and organizers. I urge you to view these sworn declarations at Flores dash Exhibits dot org. We will continue to raise public awareness, and your continued silence will be a sign that your basic human values do not align with mine or that of the community you represent.

Your refusal to speak out will put you at political risk, but more importantly, it will open the door for the continued inhumane treatment of young people long past your tenure. Please show us — your constituents — that you are better than this.

Thank you for your time / Thanks so much / Thank you and God Bless

If they are sympathetic and have spoken out against the current administration's immigration policies:

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Thank you for speaking up and pushing back on this issue. I urge you to continue to be vocal and push your colleagues to condemn this administration's proposal to replace the Flores Settlement.

I am part of a public information project that is amplifying the experiences of these young detained immigrants, and our ranks include high profile artists, lawyers, and organizers. I invite you view these sworn declarations at Flores dash Exhibits dot org. As you continue this fight, I hope these recorded testimonies can serve to amplify the voices of the children truly impacted by this, and can be a resource for you to communicate the urgency of this moment.

Please continue to keep this issue in the foreground, and continue to push back against this attempt to strip away these much needed protections. Continue to show us, your constituents, that you are better than this.

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#### If they have previously supported the administration's immigration policies:

My name is <u>(your name)</u> and I live in <u>(your city, town or neighborhood)</u>. I'm calling as a concerned constituent. I am troubled by the Trump administration's recent proposal to scrap the Flores settlement in favor of indefinite detention in loosely regulated facilities.

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Your support for this administration's immigration policies thus far is concerning in light of the sworn declarations I have read and the trauma inflicted on these young people. I am part of a public information project that is amplifying the experiences of these young detained immigrants, and our ranks include high profile artists, lawyers, and organizers. I urge you view these sworn declarations at Flores dash Exhibits dot org. We will continue to raise public awareness, and your stance on these issues will be under increased public scrutiny.

I urge you to speak out and push back against this administration's proposed dismantling of the Flores settlement.

Your continuing support for these policies will put you at political risk, but more importantly, it will open the door for the continued inhumane treatment of young people long past your tenure. Please show us — your constituents — that you are better than this.

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