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Regarding the Jan. 9 editorial "Ending immigration cruelty":

The proposed policy change that would allow unauthorized immigrants whose spouses or children are U.S. citizens to stay in the United States while waiting for decisions on their extreme-hardship waivers would also benefit American citizens. They would **no longer** have to **exile** themselves from their country to keep their families together.

I recently met a 10-year-old U.S.-born boy who had returned to this country after spending a year in Mexico with his Mexican father, who was waiting for his waiver to be approved. This boy, whose mother is an American, was as glad to be back in his own country as any other U.S. citizen would be.

This policy change would not coddle illegal immigrants; it would provide humanity and justice to Americans.

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