



No more dangerous walls or detention beds.

The administration is responding to a refugee crisis by creating a humanitarian one – separating families, jailing children, and deporting asylum seekers to their deaths. Congress has poured billions more into the machinery behind detention, deportation, and border militarization – yet the administration is overspending even these inflated levels. Congress intended for beds in detention to decrease to 40,000 by September 30, 2019. The Trump administration is now jailing more than 50,000 people in increasingly fatal conditions at the direct expense of disaster relief, the Coast Guard, and other homeland security priorities. They are stealing money from schools for military families to build additional border walls.

Congress needs to insist the U.S. abandon this failed approach. As members of Congress make FY20 funding decisions, it is imperative that they ensure our tax dollars stop fueling cruel and ineffective immigration policies. Congress' spending bills must instead:

- » **End overspending on detention and walls.** The administration has overspent billions beyond what Congress allocated on sometimes fatal policies. Congress should rein in the Department of Homeland Security's authority to transfer money from other agencies into harmful detention and enforcement programs. It should prohibit the administration from stealing money from military families for border wall construction.
- » **Reject increased spending on detention, deportation, and border militarization.** Increased funds for enforcement tears families apart and leaves vulnerable children and individuals unprotected.
- » **Invest in non-restrictive, community-based alternatives to detention and strengthen access to asylum, rather than locking more people up.** Case management programs support individuals navigating the legal system without jailing them. A pilot Family Case Management Program was 99 percent effective in helping people show up to hearings and winning their asylum cases.

Congress must cancel
the administration's
transfer authority
which expands
immigrant detention,
deportation, and
border wall without
congressional consent.

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Values Driven Immigration Policy

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (Quakers) is led by the call to welcome the stranger and seeks congressional immigration reforms that recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of immigrants to ensure equity and justice for all.

Our nation's immigration policies should:

- » Keep families together
- » Bring accountability and community engagement to border policies
- » Create a path to lawful status and citizenship
- » Protect all workers, regardless of immigration status
- » Align immigration enforcement with humanitarian values
- » Preserve the human and civil rights of all immigrants
- » End mass incarceration of immigrants
- » Uphold international and U.S. law obligations to protect refugees, asylum seekers, and survivors of human trafficking