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Separating families at the border is cruel, unnecessary

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Right now children are being torn apart from their parents. This is not happening in a war zone or in a far off country. It's happening right here on American soil and being implemented by our own federal government, all in the name of being tough on illegal immigration. These children, nearly 2,000 of them have been ripped away from their parents, housed in strange places and in many instances denied basic human contact. They will go weeks perhaps even months without seeing their families again.

The thought of separating families is unspeakable. But unfortunately it is no longer a thought, no longer a threat, it is reality. And we must speak of it and confront it head on for what it is – cruel and unnecessary.