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Statement on President Trump's New Executive Order

Las Vegas, NV – Today, president Trump signed an executive order that will now lock up families together that come seeking asylum. A few days ago, Trump indicated that there was nothing he was able to do regarding the separation of families. Now, he signs this executive order that only makes things worse and doesn't change the "zero tolerance" policy that has been causing great trauma to children at the border.

Our country is going through a humanitarian crisis and placing families together in one facility does not change the bigger problem, which is helping families that seek a safe home in the U.S. Families belong together in communities, not in jails. Make the Road Nevada stands with the immigrant community and denounces further criminalization of immigrants.

ICE, CBP, and the entire immigration enforcement apparatus is being used as a tool to advance a white supremacist vision for this country--one where immigrants and people of color are kept in cages and brutalized. It is time to defund these out of control agencies and transform the system.

" President Trump is not changing anything by signing this executive order. Seeking refuge and fleeing violence is not a crime. I have a six-year-old daughter and I can't imagine being locked up inside a detention center as we fight for a better life. The president has the power to end this crisis that our country is going through, and he is not doing it. We need to get together and continue to call out our elected officials to help us as soon as possible" –

Argelia Rico, Mother and 'Dreamer', MRNV member

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