

Dear Media/Communications,

Through this communication, we would like you to know a little about our situation in this detention center.

We are moms that have been detained since August, 2015 until the present time. We have been removed from different detention centers in Texas, with children ranging from the ages of 20 months to 17 years of age.

These children have suffered psychological damage, and many of them have suffered health wise, because of this confinement, and not to mention the racist abuse and poor treatment from certain members of the staff in this detention center, but especially by the agents of ICE that play and mock our dignity as immigrants. We came here seeking refuge. We came to this country to save our lives and the lives of our children. As everyone recognizes, Central America is vulnerable to crime, poverty, violence and corruption starting with the people in the highest positions, and we know if we would have stayed, our children would have been killed or left without parents.

We have not committed any crime, and it is unjust that our children at such an early age are aware that they are incarcerated, in custody 24 hours a day, when at this time they should be participating in the school year and living a life with dignity, that all children deserve.

For this reason we ask that you enforce our rights giving us the opportunity to be free, permitting us to escape the violence, including brutal violence, beatings, and serious threats of death that is a part of the daily lives of our children in our country.

We want our children to be able to refuse being in a gang without being killed or receiving punishment for their refusal.

We risked coming to this country enduring many difficulties such as: getting through the night being exposed to the cold air, hunger and thirst, exposing ourselves to others during this long journey. None of this mattered because there was a specific objective, we needed help and protection from the United States of America, especially from President Barack Obama, expecting to hear a positive response on behalf of the authorities and thanking the media for their collaboration.

Attn: from all the mothers desperate for a resolution to our situation –

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