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Dear Ms. Hayes, Mr. Sproul and Mr. Wilcox:

It has come to our attention that at least several dozen women who crossed the Southwest border seeking asylum were recently moved to a Bureau of Prisons detention center in SeaTac. Some of the women have apparently been separated from their young children, pursuant to the Trump Administration's outrageous new family separation policy.

We have serious concerns about the Trump Administration's treatment of these asylum seekers who are now here in Washington. As the chief executive and chief law enforcement officers for the State, we ask that you immediately share with us information about these asylum-seekers, including:

- Where are their children and who is caring for them?
- Why are these women being held in prison while their asylum claims are resolved?
- Have they been given information about their legal rights or access to attorneys, such as those from the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project?
- When and where will these women be released?
- When can they expect to be reunited with their young children?



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The Trump Administration's new family separation policy is inflicting intentional, gratuitous, and permanent trauma on young children who have done nothing wrong and on parents who often have valid claims for refugee or asylum status. We need to understand immediately what impacts this new policy is having on people here in our state.

Sincerely,



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