

I am writing this to express my grave concern on four Central American asylum-seeking fathers who have been forcibly separated from their children after their arrival to the US, in violation of US standards on family unity during immigration detention.

I am calling on Customs and Border Protection(CBP) agency of the US Department of Homeland Security to follow US national detention standards that require them to process family members together and maintain family unity.

I am also calling on DHS's Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE)to immediately reunite the four families in family detention; expedite the families'parole; and, whenever possible, provide alternatives to detention for all families as their asylum claims are considered.

The DHS Inspector General should investigate CBP and ICE practices, to ensure DHS agency officials are not separating asylum-seeking parents from their children in detention in violation of US polices on family unity.

Sincerely yours,