

# URGENT ACTION

## STOP SEPARATION OF FAMILY SEEKING SAFETY

On March 21, a family from Venezuela was separated by U.S. immigration officials. The parents were taken away from their three kids, who are all under twelve years old. The family had permission to stay in the U.S. and were waiting to hear about their asylum case, but they were still accused of entering the country illegally. People can ask for asylum no matter how they enter into a country, and it is not allowed to arrest people who have legal permission to stay in a country. We are demanding that the U.S. government release the parents and reunite them with their children. We also demand this type of family separation stop.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: June 24, 2025

### TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on UA 28.25. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

Todd Lyons,  
Acting Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
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Washington, DC 20536, USA  
Email: [Todd.M.Lyons@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Todd.M.Lyons@ice.dhs.gov)

Dear Mr. Lyons,

Please let Cesar and Norelia be **reunited** with their three young children. On March 21, 2025, U.S. immigration officers took them away, even though they had permission to stay in the country and were waiting for their **asylum** case to be decided. They were unfairly accused of entering the U.S. **illegally**, even though they've been here for over two years.

This law is being used to hurt families who have already made a life in the U.S. Everyone has the right to ask for safety in a new country, no matter how they arrive. It's not okay to punish people for coming to the U.S. to **seek protection**. Once someone is allowed to stay, like Cesar and Norelia, they shouldn't be arrested because of their **immigration status**.

Their children saw them being taken away in handcuffs, which is very scary and harmful. Taking parents away from their children causes deep sadness and can hurt kids for a long time. It's not fair and goes against their rights.

Please let Cesar and Norelia go back to their children and stop separating families like this.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]



Photo: Map of the US-Mexico border.

### Learn More About Family Separation

In the past few weeks, U.S. President Trump has made decisions that hurt people who are looking for safety after escaping dangerous situations in their home countries. His actions scare communities, separate families, and cause pain to many people.

On March 21, 2025, U.S. immigration officers took away Cesar and Norelia, who are parents from Venezuela, even though they had permission to stay in the U.S. and were waiting for their asylum case to be decided. They were accused of entering the U.S. illegally, even though they've been here for over two years. Their three kids, all under 12 years old, were left without their parents.

Cesar and Norelia came to the U.S. in 2022 because they were treated badly in Venezuela for supporting a different **political group**. They were allowed to stay in the U.S. legally and work because of a special rule called **TPS**, which helps people from unsafe countries. TPS means they shouldn't be arrested because of their immigration status. Now, Cesar is in one **detention center**, and Norelia is in another.

Everyone has the right to ask for protection if they are in danger in their home country. It is against international human rights law to send people back to unsafe places where they might be hurt. Groups like the United Nations and Amnesty International say Venezuelans should not be forced to return to their country because it's very dangerous right now.

### Learning Activities

- [Vocabulary Chart](#)
- [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights Worksheet](#)
- [Tips for Letter Writing](#)