



Action Alert

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From NFDW President Cindy Jenks:

"Horrified is how I'm feeling about the inhumane way that the Trump Administration was sending sick children out of the country," said NFDW President Cindy Jenks.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services quietly rolled out the latest move by the Trump Administration on August 7th and the medical deferred action program that allowed severely ill undocumented immigrants and their families to remain in the United States was cancelled. Rather than making a public statement about this drastic change, the Trump Administration mailed letters to the families impacted by the decision to notify them that they would no longer receive life-saving treatments in the United States.

The Trump administration has also recently revealed plans to make it more difficult for legal immigrants to use social services, remove limits on how long families can be detained at the border, and withholding flu shots for migrants held in border detention facilities.

Senator Ed Markey, (D-Mass.) has said the policy change is "a new low." The Boston NPR affiliate WBUR has reported, "Donald Trump is literally deporting kids with cancer." With some of these deportations, the child is an American citizen, but the family is not.

On September 2nd it was revealed that the new policy of deporting sick children has now been reversed. Nevertheless, NFDW members are requested to call and email your Congress members. "It is so very important that we continue to contact our Senators and Representatives," said President Jenks. "I hope that you have the contact information for your members of Congress always close at hand so that you can make a quick response."

During our 2019 *Women in Blue* event in Washington, DC, Kentucky Congressman John Yarmuth told us that members of Congress typically have to receive 1,000 or more contacts about a single subject in order to get their attention.

"We should continue to call our members of Congress. The lives of these innocent children are at stake. We must put an end to these wretched acts by the Trump Administration. Democratic Women have a voice and we must use our voices. The current administration may not listen to us, but we might impact Independent voters and others who are equally as incensed as we are," stated Jenks.