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AMA SPEAKS OUT AGAINST INHUMANE IMMIGRATION POLICIES

The American-Mexican Association (AMA) stands against the forced separation and incarceration of children and families, regardless of their immigration status. Children should be kept with their parents, unless the child is in danger of abuse or neglect at the hands of the caregivers or legal guardians.

Even when families stay together throughout immigration procedures, the conditions under which they are kept should comply with international human rights standards. Inhumane acts of depriving children of their liberty have tangible and irreversible emotional, physical, and psychological repercussions.

Fear should not be the essence of policy, and detention camps for children and families should not be part of any government strategy. We urge Mexican and U.S. authorities to continue working together to address the causes of this problem and collaborate with their Central American counterparts.

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