

Sample LTE

#CloseTheCamps

Dear _____,

As Jews and people of conscience, we are disgusted and disheartened by the administration's treatment (driven by white supremacy) of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Jews are commanded by the Torah to welcome the stranger. The US government was complicit in denying entry to so many Jews at the exact moment in history when it was most needed; therefore, we are uniquely charged to do everything we can to fight xenophobic and racist policies that bar people from seeking refuge in our nation.

Judaism teaches us a passionate belief in tzedek (justice) for all. We believe in an America that deserves to be celebrated – a land where everyone is free and the home of those brave enough to fight for rights other than their own. This is not that America.

We demand that Congress and the administration #CloseTheCamps significantly cut funding to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the agencies behind immigration detention and deportation. Immigrants, including families and children, are being held in deplorable conditions at the border and throughout the US. Children, six of whom have died in US custody, should never be incarcerated or needlessly separated from a parent or family member.

It is never the right time to cast strangers out, lock them in cages without essential survival needs, or approach them without basic human decency. But it's always the best time to make change happen.

Sincerely,