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City Attorney Zach Klein Offers Support and Help to End Trump Administration Policy of Separating Children and Families

Klein offers legal support, partnership to end President's Trump's family separation policy and help any affected Columbus children

COLUMBUS, OH—In response to the continued enforcement of President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" policy of separating parents and children at the southern border of the United States, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein stated today that his office is actively engaged in conversations with various organizations about potentially partnering to support a legal challenge to the separation policy and to protect the constitutional rights of the children. Klein also said his office is willing to provide legal guidance and assistance to any affected Columbus children who are currently living with relatives or foster families.

"Like so many other Americans, I am absolutely horrified and sickened by the Trump Administration's creation and enforcement of this abhorrent policy to separate young children from their parents along our nation's border, said City Attorney Zach Klein. "While we recognize the City, as a municipal corporation, may not have standing to bring a case on this issue, my office is ready to do our part to fight to end this policy, as well as extend guidance to any Columbus children who may be affected by this policy."

Parents being deported are being needlessly separated from their children, many of whom are just toddlers, under the age of four. A bipartisan group of former US attorneys are calling on the Trump administration to reverse the policy, calling it "dangerous, expensive, and inconsistent" with the values of the justice department.

"We cannot stand idly by while our federal government conducts what is a clear abuse of human rights," said City Attorney Zach Klein. "Our office is committed to supporting any reasonable legal challenges that can end this policy, and we stand ready to do our part to help, especially through partnership with other entities working to assist these families."

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