

July 16, 2018

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Nielsen,

We have valued our membership on the Homeland Security Advisory Council, because it has provided opportunities to offer advice on DHS missions and to support the efforts of its workforce.

Very unfortunately, however, there was no call for advice before recent immigration decisions were announced, enforced, and then retracted by this Administration. Were we consulted, we would have observed that routinely taking children from migrant parents was morally repugnant, counter-productive and ill-considered.

We cannot tolerate association with the immigration policies of this administration, nor the illusion that we are consulted on these matters.

Accordingly, please take this letter as a formal tender of our resignations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Danzig  
Elizabeth Holtzman  
David A. Martin  
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