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Cecile Young
Acting Executive Commissioner
Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711-3247

Dear Commissioner Young:

I am writing you to express my opposition to Southwest Key receiving the state license from HHSC to operate the planned child detention center on the property located on 419 Emancipation Avenue in my district. I am concerned that my office did not receive notification from the vendor, your agency or the federal government that such a controversial facility was planned for my district.

I have been opposed to the Trump Administration's policy to separate children from their parents at the US-Mexico border. Forcibly separating young children from their parents can have lasting negative effects on the mental health of children. Media is also reporting that some children are being forcibly administered antipsychotic drugs. State inspectors have found 246 violations at Southwest Key facilities in Texas. Although the executive order was signed ending the forcible separation of children, there is still no plan to reunite children with their parents and the state of Texas should not be facilitating the continued separation of children from their parents by opening up new child detention facilities.

Again, I am opposed to the HHSC issuing a license for this facility. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Keep the Faith, Keep the Fight,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Borris L. Miles", with a long, sweeping underline.

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Senator, District 13

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