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### **Attorney General Frosh Joins Coalition of Attorneys General Demanding an End to Illegal and Cruel Immigration Tactics Harming Children**

**BALTIMORE, MD (June 19, 2018)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh, along with 20 other attorneys general, today called on United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to end the cruel and illegal policy of forcibly separating all families that cross the border, including those lawfully seeking asylum in the United States.

“Terrorizing children and their parents is inhumane and immoral,” said Attorney General Frosh. “President Trump, Attorney General Sessions, and Secretary Nielsen must end this shameful policy.”

In their [letter](#) to Attorney General Sessions and Secretary Nielsen, the coalition of attorneys general argue that in addition to being cruel and dangerous, these policies are, at their core, violations of international, federal and state law, as well as of judicial precedent. Almost universally, those laws and precedents state that children’s best interests are in remaining with their parents, absent a rigorous judicial inquiry. The Department of Justice is ignoring those best interests, putting politics ahead of children.

The attorneys general state, “Put simply, the deliberate separation of children and their parents who seek lawful asylum in America is wrong. This practice is contrary to American values and must be stopped. We demand that you immediately reverse these harmful policies in the best interests of the children and families affected.”

In addition to Attorney General Frosh, the letter was signed by the attorneys general of New Mexico, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington in demanding an immediate change in policy.