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Attorney General Frosh Joins Multistate Lawsuit Challenging Trump Administration's Family Separation Policy

Eighteen Attorneys General to Oppose Unconstitutional Policy

BALTIMORE, MD (June 26, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today joined a multistate [lawsuit](#) challenging the Trump Administration's policy of forced family separation on the U.S. southern border. A total of 17 states and the District of Columbia joined the lawsuit, filed today in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

"President Trump's policy of taking children away from their parents is cruel," said Attorney General Frosh. "It is unconstitutional and illegal. As a matter of simple human decency, this practice must cease, and the children should be reunited with their parents immediately."

The states' lawsuit alleges the Administration's zero-tolerance policy violates the constitutional guarantee of due process. The policy is also irrationally discriminatory and violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution. The states contend that the policy violates the Administrative Procedure Act, because it is arbitrary and capricious, and that the Administration has been violating U.S. asylum laws by turning people away at ports of entry.

The lawsuit is led by the Attorney General of Washington and was joined by the attorneys general of California, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.