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Senate Resolution Number FA18 SR004 A Resolution Against the Trump Administration's Treatment of People on the US-Mexico Border

Whereas, the United States Border Patrol has used violent force in the form of tear gas against individuals attempting to cross the border between the United States of America and Mexico,

Whereas, the people attempting to cross the border were made up not only of protesters but also of families, children, and innocent bystanders trying to escape violence in Latin American countries,

Contending that, despite international law allowing such actions by a legitimate government, the Geneva Convention disallows any action such as this one from being taken against civilians,

Whereas, the Border Patrol has continued separating children from their families despite the federal court mandate that they desist,

Acknowledging that, although the issues at the US-Mexico border are often billed as immigration issues by President Donald Trump and his supporters, race very frequently plays an important part in the treatment of those trying to cross the border,

Recalling that, the United States of America has an unfortunate history of turning away immigrants fleeing violence in their countries on multiple occasions, most prominently in the case of the Holocaust,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students here assembled that all human beings fleeing violence are deserving of certain rights, treatment, and dignity,

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students here assembled that President Trump's fear and hate-mongering be considered antithetical to the ideals and the values of most of the current population of the United States of America,

This document shall be submitted to the students, faculty, and staff of Lewis & Clark's undergraduate, graduate, and law schools, Reed College senate, the Associated Students of Portland State University, Portland Community College District Student Council, the Associated Students of University of Oregon, Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, Congressional Representative Earl Blumenauer, President Donald Trump, the United States Customs and Border Protection, and the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Introduced on 12/06/2018 by Senator Ben Seiple

Adopted on 12/06/2018

Signed on 12/10/2018 by 