
DeLauro Statement on HHS Fingerprinting Policy Change

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WASHINGTON, DC (December 19, 2018) – Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) today released the following statement after the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it will reverse course and cease fingerprinting all household members of sponsors who have come forward to take care of unaccompanied children.

“The latest news from HHS is a positive step toward beginning to unravel its misguided fingerprinting policy, which has prolonged the trauma thousands of children in its custody face. Still, the heart of this harmful policy is still in place. HHS should focus on providing the best care for these children, not be used as an immigration enforcement tool by fingerprinting sponsors when there are no red flags and then sharing that information with ICE. This process endangers children and will perpetuate their detention in HHS shelters. As the lead Democrat on the Appropriations Subcommittee that has oversight over HHS’s care for these children, I will not sit back and enable this Administration’s harmful child abuse policies.”

Earlier this month, DeLauro called for the immediate closure of the Tornillo tent city facility ([/media-center/press-releases/delauro-roybal-allard-call-immediate-closure-tornillo-tent-city-facility](#)), which currently holds nearly 3,000 unaccompanied children.

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