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Good Morning, Supervisors,

Another half-baked idea without attachments? Seems to be based on fear, no specifics.

I would like to know more about future costs. The County is in a fiscal crisis and you are essentially threatening to defund police and emergency operations for this and that and the other. The bottom line is that it is not prudent to go and commit funds which might be needed later and this is especially irresponsible if it depletes funds held in reserve for emergency services.

Why are there no attachments for instance with actual win-lose figures more specific than the Board letter's "nearly" or performance stats.

As for the children, we should know what exactly is happening to them. Is the INS actually harming them, or is it rogue actors either in the Office of Refugee Resettlement or outside the court? Can the lawyers control this if the children are whisked away before the hearing? Is the County foster care system you mention, with all of its documented abuses, better?

Then, you say that the problem is with DHS, not the immigration courts, so it is unclear to me how providing lawyers will help if they still can't get to the kids in the detention centers.

The Board letter ends by saying "targeted refinements are needed." The remedies outlined here are not sufficiently targeted.

Regards,

Paul Henkin