Marcé of North America (MONA) is dedicated to the mental health and well-being of pregnant and postpartum women, their children, and families. The forced separation of children from their parents at US borders is both egregious and unacceptable. Studies clearly demonstrate that traumatic separation of this kind (an adverse childhood event, ACE) is associated with long-term adverse emotional and health outcomes for women, their children, and families.

We join our colleagues from a diverse range of other American professional organizations (the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the American Psychiatric Association) in calling for an immediate halt to the horrifying act of separating mothers and fathers from their children.

Sincerely,

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