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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

In light of Monday's ruling in *Azar v. Garza*, I write to offer my full support for Scott Lloyd in his capacity as Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). During this past year, the ORR has come under fire from the Americans Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other pro-abortion groups for decisions made regarding minors in the care of the federal government.

Since 2003, federal law has recognized the government's responsibility to look after the welfare of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) on American soil and to care for them appropriately while in U.S. custody. I believe that Mr. Lloyd has demonstrated good stewardship in upholding federal law and acting in the best interest of the unaccompanied minors in his care.

UACs have varied reasons for braving the difficult journey to the United States. In many cases, they come to this country to escape abuse, persecution, or exploitation in their home countries. When a child becomes pregnant prior to arriving at an ORR facility or while in the care of ORR, it falls to the Director to ensure that the physical and emotional needs of the child are met.

The facts of *Azar v. Garza* show Mr. Lloyd followed all federal and state laws pertaining the care of a minor who wished to have an abortion. As the courts grapple with the decisions of whether a minor in the custody of the federal government can obtain an abortion, I am confident that Mr. Lloyd will continue to ensure the safety and security of minors in his care.

I applaud Mr. Lloyd's leadership at ORR. I deeply appreciate your continued attention to appointing individuals like Mr. Lloyd who exhibit strong family values, leadership, and integrity.

Sincerely,



Roger F. Wicker

CC: The Honorable Alex M. Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services