



Collaboration for
Early Childhood
Strong Start, Bright Future

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TO: Nikki Haley
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Your Excellency:

We, the undersigned, as members of our nation's early care and education community, are united in condemning policies and actions across the planet that harm, injure, abuse, and end the early life of thousands of children on an annual basis. As such, we are petitioning our nation and the other members of the United Nations to be proactive on the following:

- End military and chemical warfare violence against children;
- Stop the abuse of children's lives via human trafficking networks, under age labor violations, and sexual exploitation;
- Support the needs of children and families escaping war conflicts and forced to survive in unhealthy and dangerous conditions;
- Act on climate change, since children are the first victims in natural and man-made disasters such as flooding, rising sea levels, and unhealthy air;
- Guarantee that children and their families are always joined as a unit whenever there are political, economic, or migration struggles.

As champions for children everywhere, we ask that the United Nations act decisively in making the safety and security of all children a human right priority.

Respectfully,

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