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RE: Attorneys General Request an EO 12866 Meeting on “Unaccompanied Alien Children Program Foundational Rule; Updates to Accord with the Hyde Amendment,”
RIN 0970-AD34

Dear Assistant Secretary Adams & Director Vought:

On behalf of the States of California, Massachusetts, and New York we write to express deep concern regarding the Trump administration’s review of its current rule that ensures unaccompanied minors have access to abortion care. Current regulations require that pregnant unaccompanied minors be provided with information about and access to reproductive healthcare, including pregnancy and abortion care.¹ The federal government must also prioritize placing minors in shelters where abortion is legal because any pregnant minor could experience miscarriage or complications that require life- or health-saving abortion care.² If a minor is in a shelter in a state with an abortion ban and she requests an abortion, the federal government must transfer her to a state where abortion is legal.³

¹ 45 C.F.R. § 410.1307, subd. (c).

² *Id.* at § 410.1307, subd. (c)(1)(i).

³ *Id.* at § 410.1307, subds. (c)(1)(i)(ii), (c)(2).

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While it is unclear what regulatory action the Trump administration is considering, as no summary is available, we have significant concerns that the administration may be taking action to eliminate or rescind the important protections for access to reproductive healthcare. Indeed, the Trump administration already announced that it would change this regulation.⁴ And, recent reporting suggests the administration is taking action to limit abortion access.⁵ Thus, although the text of the proposed regulation is not yet available, we are concerned that the Trump administration will either try to impose a de facto or outright ban on abortion for unaccompanied minors, similar to what the Trump administration imposed in its first term.⁶

To more fully outline the importance of the Rule, we request a meeting at the soonest possible date. Please contact the California Attorney General's senior advisor Karli Eisenberg at Karli.Eisenberg@doj.ca.gov or (916) 210-7913 to arrange a meeting. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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⁴ See, e.g., Elizabeth Troutman Mitchell, [HHS to End Taxpayer-Funded Abortion Travel for Alien Children](#) (Jan. 23, 2026).

⁵ See, e.g., Alex Woodward, [Underage pregnant migrants are being detained and moved to a Texas shelter where abortion is illegal | The Independent](#) (Feb. 23, 2026); Melody Schreiber, [US moving pregnant immigrant girls to Texas to avoid providing abortions, critics say | US immigration, The Guardian](#) (Mar 1, 2026).

⁶ Jeremy W. Peters, [Under Trump, an Office Meant to Help Refugees Enters the Abortion Wars.](#) The New York Times (April 5, 2018).