

OPEN LETTER TO REP. NITA LOWEY

July 21, 2019

Congresswoman Nita Lowey
2365 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Nita Lowey:

I read your July 12, 2019 Press Release, “Heinous, Cruel Treatment of Migrants”.

I want you to know that I, too, am very concerned that we are subjecting people, including even children, to terrible and unhuman conditions in our southern border detention centers.

It’s just plain wrong to do that, irrespective of the reason.

If the US feels it needs to hold kids (and I’m not sure it should), it should be under “model” conditions in which they are well-supervised, helped to stay clean and healthy, and given access to education and recreation.

I’ve read in the press that contractors are charging our Government \$750 per person per day to operate these centers, though I’m not sure that I believe it. But if it’s true, it says to me that there is some really ugly profiteering going on.

Thank you for being one of the people taking the lead in holding the relevant agencies accountable for what is happening and pressing for it to stop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Menke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "M".

William H. Menke
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