Media Advisory for: Tuesday, February 23

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## \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\* TODAY: Feb. 23 at 11:00 AM PT

## Press Conference: Children of Essential Workers Urge Biden-Harris Administration to Free the Children, Free the Women, Free Them ALL

Los Angeles, CA – **TOMORROW**, **February 23**, the children of health care and frontline essential workers and members of the Service Employees International Union, will come together to urge the Biden-Harris administration to reunite families and free the children and women who are currently in immigration detention. On the call, children and youth will share their stories and talk about why they believe that all families should be welcome, safe, and free in America.

To attend RSVP at this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_LIwD3xS\_QTCb7\_kAiRb0PQ

**WHO:** Chrishon Wade, Elementary School student and son of **Sharonda Wade**, Supervising Children's Social Worker for the Department of Children and Family Services

**Londyn Nicole Cooley**, Elementary School student and mother of **Monique Cooley**, a Supervising Children's Social Worker at LA County DCFS and member of SEIU 721

**Janelle Cruz**, High School student and granddaughter of **Yudis Cruz**, a Certified Nurse Assistant at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA

**Maya Sondgroth**, High School student and daughter of **Tracy Mccreery**, a Licensed Vocational Nurse in Sacramento, CA

**Alexandre Lagunas**, High School student and son of **Veronica Lagunas**, a TPS holder, janitor and USWW union leader in Los Angeles, CA

**WHAT:** Virtual Press Conference to Urge the Biden-Harris Administration to Reunite Families and Free the Children and Women in Detention

WHEN: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 11:00 am

WHERE: Via Zoom; RSVP to <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_LIwD3xS\_QTCb7\_kAiRb0PQ">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_LIwD3xS\_QTCb7\_kAiRb0PQ</a>

## **About this Campaign**

Free the Children, Free the Women, Free them ALL is a campaign led by the children of SEIU health care and essential workers who believe that all families should be welcome, safe, and free in America. This youth-led campaign is urging the Biden-Harris administration and Congress to:

Free the thousands of children currently held in immigrant detention under inhumane and dangerous conditions; Reunite the hundreds of children who were stolen from their parents with their families in America; Free the women from immigration detention who are vulnerable to abuse including forced surgeries and hysterectomies; Halt ICE deportation flights especially of Black immigrant families and their children during this global health crisis; Free working families from the fear of deportation and place Dreamers, people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and the 11 million undocumented people living in America, including essential workers on the frontlines of this pandemic, on a roadmap to citizenship.