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**Petition signed with LCWR** January 1, 2019

The Leadership Team of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis has joined the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and signed the petition sponsored by the Shut Tornillo Down Coalition National and Local Partners. (This detention camp for child immigrants is located in the desert in Tornillo, Texas.)

The camp was built with the express purpose of discouraging immigrants from coming to the U.S. Thousands of children are imprisoned there. There is no healthcare there for them and their abusive imprisonment causes irreparable harm to their normal development. There are many other, much more suitable places to house the children in a significantly less expensive way. The petition asks that the children be placed with family or sponsors, who will not be targeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for deportation and that no more centers be built to replace it.

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