



Dear Member of Congress,

As you consider the legislative proposals concerning our response to the growing number of Central American children and families arriving at our Southern Border, I share for your consideration an open letter to House Speaker John Boehner on behalf of the Jesuits of the United States. As an alumnus of a Jesuit educational institution, I urge you to commit to uphold the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of human life in addressing this situation.

My staff and I stand ready to assist you in understanding both the country conditions we have witnessed on the ground and our policy recommendations to effectively respond to the crisis in Central America and ensure a full and fair process to children and families fleeing harm in the region.

Sincerely,

Very Reverend Thomas H. Smolich, S.J.  
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