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Immigration Laws

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has created lists of the "Top 10 Reasons Alabama's New Immigration Law Is a Disaster" for the state's government, economy, community safety, public health, faith communities, rule of law, education, and families. They point out fear has led many parents to sign power of attorney documents to allow friends or family members to legally care for their children if they are deported.

If parents are deported, many U.S. citizen children may be forced into foster care, though "Alabama state officials themselves are concerned about the potential impact on the already overburdened state foster care system."

Shattered Families, a recent report by the Applied Research Center, noted that more than

5,000 children nationally who are currently in foster care have parents who have been detained or deported. The Center for American Progress also points out that when breadwinners are deported from mixed-status families, "U.S. citizen spouses and children will have to take on additional jobs, potentially drop out of school, and seek additional social services just to keep the family afloat. The resulting cycle of potential poverty and despair is a prescription for instability and a detriment to the entire fabric of Alabama communities."

Some U.S. citizen children in mixed-status families are being forced to shoulder new burdens for their families, including taking over the driving and shopping if they have valid licenses. Of course, undocumented children are a target themselves, including many who were brought to the United States as infants or small children and have never known another home.

The overwhelming sense of fear is apparent even among the youngest children, as school administrators like those at Foley Elementary know very well, and it isn't just limited to children in immigrant families. A Birmingham school counselor said, "My sixth graders of African American descent were asking me if they were going to have to go back to Africa. There is a fear factor out there that is written between the lines of the law that's having a chilling effect on Alabama classrooms."

As one U.S. citizen son put it: "At school we were taught about the Civil Rights period. This is the same thing, it's happening again. I make good grades, so does my brother. We are normally at the top of our class. I try my hardest to be good. The people making this law, they need to put themselves in our shoes and think about how they're splitting families."

As a slight ray of hope, there is pressure mounting in the state to repeal the law or parts of it. The irony of an era of fear, repression, and profiling repeating itself in Alabama is not lost on many on-lookers. For those who refuse to return to that era in Alabama, or any other part of America, the time to speak up is now.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund.

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