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## **Joint Statement of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, on Policy Separating Immigrant Children from their Parents**

“Last year, when President Trump instituted a policy that would ban certain people from traveling to the United States, the business community spoke up in opposition, citing the importance of immigrants to our communities, our workforce, our companies, and the diverse ecosystem that makes Massachusetts the most innovative state in the nation. Today the nation is faced with a policy that is even more abhorrent, separating immigrant children from their parents, and we feel compelled to speak out again. We urge the Administration to immediately end this policy. Any attempt at immigration reform must recognize the valuable contributions that immigrants make to our nation, to the vibrancy of our economy and communities, and must adhere to the basic standards of human decency. This current policy does not and we call for its immediate end.”

### **About the Massachusetts Business Roundtable**

The Massachusetts Business Roundtable is a non-profit, non-partisan public policy organization comprised of CEOs and senior executives from major employers that collectively employ more than 250,000 people across the state. The Roundtable works with business leaders and public officials to make Massachusetts a more competitive place to do business in the global economy. For more information, visit online [www.maroundtable.com](http://www.maroundtable.com) or follow on Twitter [@MABizRoundtable](https://twitter.com/MABizRoundtable).

### **About the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce is the convener, voice and advocate of our region’s business community, committed to making Greater Boston the best place for businesses and people to thrive. It helps its members and Greater Boston succeed by convening and connecting the business community; researching, developing and advocating for public policies that contribute to our region’s economic success; and providing comprehensive leadership development programs designed to grow strong business and civic leaders. Learn more at [BostonChamber.com](http://BostonChamber.com).

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