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Dear Governor Sununu,

Over the past several weeks, the Trump Administration has been despicably violating human rights and common sense by ripping children from their parents' arms at the southern border. Federal officials had no plan to reunite these families, and they are struggling to meet court orders to return children, including some younger than five years old, to their parents. This has rightfully sparked outrage among Granite Staters and many Americans across the country.

Yet last week, the *Wall Street Journal* [reported](#) that some corporations are profiting off of the detention of families. Analysts wrote that greater numbers of detentions are "increasing the chances of new business wins," primarily for Florida-based Geo Group and Tennessee-based CoreCivic, Inc. Combined revenue for the two companies topped \$4 billion in 2017, and shares of both companies increased last month in the midst of this crisis, according to the *Journal*. And with the Trump Administration requesting \$2.8 billion from Congress to increase the number of beds at detention centers, future profitability is sure to increase.

That corporations would seek to benefit from cruel, inhumane policies is disgraceful. What's worse, though, is that your re-election campaign is being funded in part by both of these private prison businesses. You have accepted a total of \$11,000 -- \$6,000 from Geo Group and \$5,000 from CoreCivic -- this cycle alone. In your first campaign for governor, these two companies gave you a combined \$12,000. Over the last two campaign cycles, you have accepted a total of \$23,000 from the two large private prison companies that are now profiting off of family separation and detention at the southern border.

Since the start of my campaign, I have refused to accept any contributions from corporations because the people of New Hampshire deserve to know that I will put their interests first. Voters, though, lack the same reassurance from you. Your support of the private prison industry, including as an executive councilor when you said you hoped to "[steamroll](#)" through a private prison contract, provides cause for concern.

It is past time for you to reject the contributions you've received from Geo Group and CoreCivic. But instead of giving the money back to these corporations that don't need it, I request that you donate the funds to a non-profit organization that is working to reunite children with their parents. Nothing is more urgent than getting these children back with their parents as soon as possible. Further, you should make clear to President Trump that you oppose spending \$2.8 billion dollars on more detention beds that will only increase profits for private prison companies.

Your actions on this matter will speak louder than any words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Molly Kelly