

# S. 3112 DIGNITY FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS ACT OF 2018

## Strengths

- Will address the inhumane treatment of immigrants.
- Will require immigration officers and facilities to be transparent and held accountable.
- Will prevent the separation of immigrant parents and children, thus resulting in families staying together while preserving their mental and emotional wellbeing.

*"I was very frightened and depressed the entire time.. I was scared of the guards and scared I would be deported without my mother."*

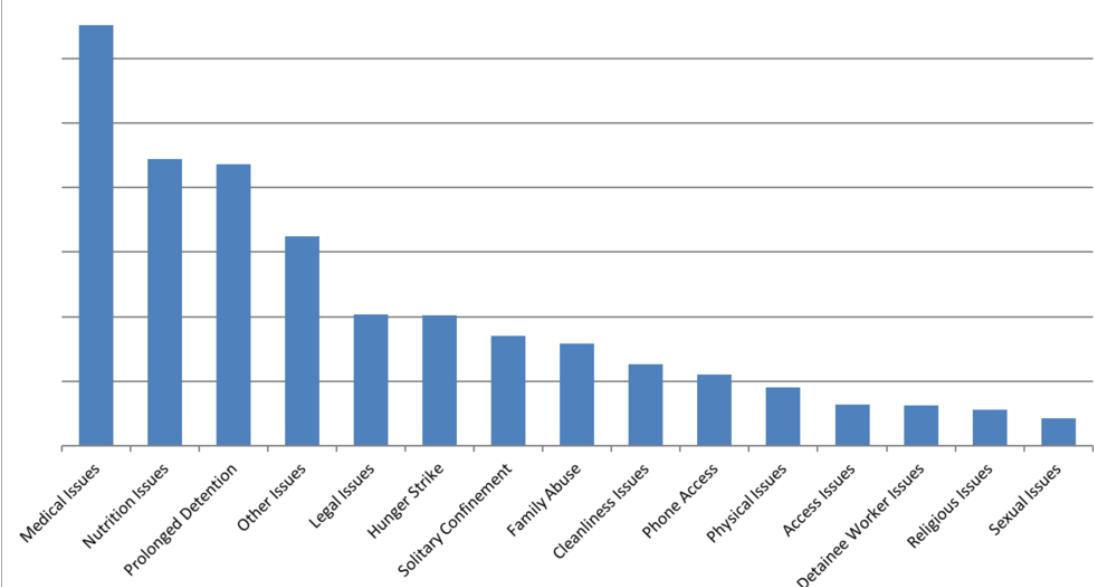
*- Keylin, 16 years old*

## Key Points

- Length of time immigrants are detained.
- The use of solitary confinement.
- Child separation from parents.



Freedom For Immigrants - Documented Abuses

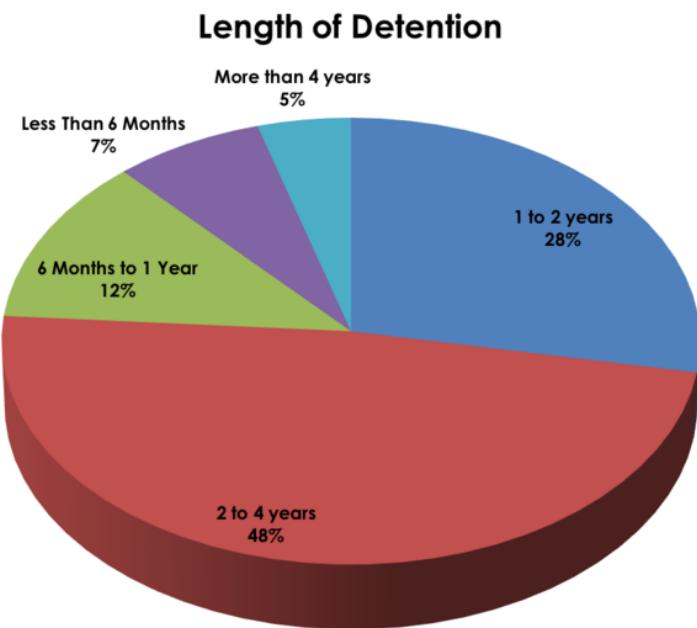


# Why Should You Care?

- Dignity and worth of an individual.
- Treatment of undocumented immigrants is inhumane and unequal to how American citizens are treated.
- Movement towards immigration reform.

## Recommendations

- Appoint immigrant advocates to oversee each facility and ensure immigrants are being treated fairly and humanely.
- Require translators who speak immigrant languages and dialects to be present when going over legal documents.
- Mandate unannounced monthly or bimonthly inspections.
- Discontinue the use of solitary confinement.



## Resources

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