

NHMA voiced strong concerns in a letter sent to the Director for Customs and Border Protections Agency last month for the inhumane treatment of Latino children at the Refugee Detention Centers and called for more volunteers of physicians and other medical workforce especially at the larger detention centers where children are becoming more ill with overcrowding and spread of disease.

NHMA was happy to see Dr. Carlos Gutierrez of El Paso be invited to testify in front of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on July 10 with a hearing titled [Kids in Cages: Inhumane Treatment at the Border](#). Dr. Gutierrez talked about the need to bring together physicians from Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, Texas in our first NHMA El Paso Chapter Forum on July 25th.

NHMA is working with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and others to increase medical assistance for immigrant health. The [CBP Inspector General's report](#) released last month called for changes to improve the living conditions of the detention centers and for more medical care services.