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FAMILY SEPARATION AT BORDER IS NOT BORDER SECURITY

SAN DIEGO (June 19, 2018) – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce released the following statement from President and CEO Jerry Sanders regarding family separation occurring at the southern border:

“What is occurring at our southern border is not a security measure. A successful border management plan has nothing to do with separating children from their parents.

“This has to do with our broken immigration system. It is time for our nation’s leaders to take action to resolve immigration policies, find a solution for Dreamers, and most importantly, end the separation of minor children from their parents.

“The Chamber has long supported comprehensive immigration reform with the understanding that, as a nation built by immigrants, our global competitiveness and economic growth depend on the exchange of people for new ideas, innovation and entrepreneurship. However, as a nation whose values are in question we stand to lose much more than we could ever gain. We are concerned about the message we are sending to our trade partners who at some point may question doing business with a country whose policies go against the core values that made us one of the greatest nations in the world.

“Immigration reform is a tough issue and there are no simple answers, but at the end of the day it comes down to doing the right thing. It is time for the Administration to do the right thing and end the separation of families seeking asylum in our country.”

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About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.