

Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
House Bill 1017
Favorable

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee;

Please give House Bill 1017 a favorable report.

Whether you call them detention centers or concentration camps, there is no question that the treatment of those within is absolutely horrendous. Malnutrition, dehydration, illness, and medical emergencies are regular occurrences. People are denied medication, hospitalization, food that isn't rotten or covered in bugs, and clean water. The conditions inside the facilities, from forcing too many people into a small space so many can't even sit down, to a lack of climate control, resulting in freezing or sweltering environments, match torture methods used on war prisoners. Sexual abuse and physical assaults seem to be the norm in these places. The psychological torture of not being permitted contact with the outside world, including with their own lawyers, not knowing how long they'll have to survive in such atrocious conditions, and not knowing where they'll end up is just as intentional as the physical.

I urge a favorable vote, not simply on the merits of the bill, but because we need to do everything we can to fight against the psychotic cruelty that the federal government is perpetrating.

Sincerely,
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