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Important: Regarding your letter to Donald Trump.

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Dear Dr. Daniel,

Urgent! Children are committing suicide.

I am now truly confused and was wondering if can clarify something very urgent for me.

In my last conversation with you May 24th 2018 you said that child separation, trauma, and child abuse was not your field of expertise. You asked me to contact Lauren Caldwell of the APA's Children Youth and Family division.

Since then, I was made aware of a letter from the APA signed by you, Dated June 14th 2018 that you sent to:

President Donald Trump

with copies sent to

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions

U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen. Letter Attached:

This letter goes into great detail about The APA's **"*deep concern and strong opposition to the Administration's new policy of separating immigrant parents and children who are detained while crossing the border*"**

You started this letter off that you it was: **"Based on empirical evidence of the psychological harm that children and parents experience when separated, we implore you to reconsider this policy and commit to the more humane practice of housing families together pending immigration proceedings to protect them from further trauma."**

In paragraph 2 you continued about how vast the APA's diversity of knowledge is as a **"scientific and professional organization"**

In paragraph 3 you explain **"Decades of psychological research have determined that it is in the best interest of the child and the family to keep families together."** **"Sudden and unexpected family separation, such as separating families at the border, can add to that stress, leading to emotional trauma in children.2 Research also suggests that the longer that parents and children are separated, the greater the reported symptoms of anxiety and depression are for children. Adverse childhood experiences, such as parent-child separation, are important social determinants of mental disorders. For children, traumatic events can lead to the development of post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health disorders that can cause long lasting effects."**

In paragraph 5 you have an example of SUICIDE "As a tragic example of the current policy's serious potential for harm, a Honduran man who was separated from his wife and 3-year-old son after he crossed the border into Texas recently took his own life while detained in a holding cell, according to the Customs and Border Protection officials, public records, and media reports.⁶ There are also reports of detained immigrants foregoing legitimate claims for asylum by pleading guilty to expedite the return of their separated children and reports of parents being deported while their children, including infants, remain in custody. These incidents serve to highlight the mental health crisis for many families caused by the Administration's policy."

In your last paragraph you have summed up the desperate need for a change in policy with "we have documented multiple harmful effects of parent-child separation on children's emotional and psychological development and well-being and urge that the current policy of family separation be reversed."

I have emailed you, Antonio Puente, Kim Mills, Jim Sliwa, Michael Shulman and many other members of the APA's board

I have been in contact since Oct 31, 2016.

I have asked many times about the forced separation of a parent and child by the family court system and it's lead to the **Bowlby-Minuchin-Beck model** of AB-PA. A special population.

Here is where I am at a serious dilemma, Either:

1. **Your letter to President Trump is incorrect, baseless and the referenced material is fabricated,**
2. **Or it is correct, when the question to you arises: why do you not apply the knowledge and ethical concern of your letter for the separated border children to the 11 million US children (the severe cases in https://www.researchgate.net/publication/301758263_Prevalence_of_parental_alienation_drawn_from_a_representative_poll) separated from a loving parent by the other parent, in the process of attachment -based parental alienation, the cross-generational coalition by a narcissistic (borderline) parent leading to the emotional cutoff with the other parent (Bowlby- Minuchin- Beck)?**

Please respond as:

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Standard 2.01a - Boundaries of Competence
Standard 9.01a - Competence in Assessment
Standard 3.04 - Avoiding Harm to the Client
Standard 2.03 - Maintaining Competence

- Silence in response to ethical code violations is complicity.
- Silence in response to the rampant and unchecked psychological abuse of children by narcissistic and borderline personality parents is complicity with the psychological abuse of children.
- Silence in response to the wholesale destruction of families and the lives of children by forensic psychology is complicity with this devastation and harm.

Please sent a return email stating you have received this email.

Have a Beautiful day.

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Maya Angelou

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