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Cesar and Norelia (A#s 246149580 & 246149581) and their family

Dear Ms. Leachman,

On 27 February 2025, a Judge in Texas signed a criminal complaint against the parents of a Venezuelan family of five, charging them with "Illegal Entry" from when they entered the US in 2022 to seek asylum. The parents were detained twice despite having active and valid Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and pending asylum applications. The parents (Cesar and Norelia) were released from their last arrest on 28 March. They are back home, but still face criminal charges in Texas, even though criminalizing asylum seekers for their manner of entry violates international law.

I urge you to drop the charges against Cesar and Norelia (A#s 246149580 & 246149581), and to end the practice of criminalizing migration.

Yours sincerely,