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**HAVING KIDS NOTIFIES TRUMP THAT HE IS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW,
VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS**

Trump's family planning scheme ignores human rights law

TUCSON, AZ – Today, on Universal Children's Day, the national organization Having Kids called on President Trump and Congress to comply with their obligations under international law, and dump their two-pronged population growth policies that limit women's access to things like contraception while increasing tax incentives to urge them to have more kids. Lawyers at the organization sent the open letter to Trump on behalf of Deanna Young, a concerned citizen whose rights Trump is violating.

"Larger and thoughtlessly-planned families are the fastest way to exacerbate climate change and other environmental and social crises," says Anne Green, Executive Director of Having Kids, "and yet Trump is openly pushing for bigger families." "Intentionally endangering our kids and future generations, only to meet his shortsighted 'more people equal more money' agenda, violates international law. He's on notice."

Deanna Young, whose rights are at issue, had this to say: "The right to have children can't be interpreted to hurt kids, or destroy our environment. This isn't rocket science."

Instead of a [cutting off access to reproductive health services](#) and a [cash-for-babies scheme](#), the group is calling for a child-first and truly human-rights based [Fair Start family planning system](#).

Furthermore, Having Kids is calling on Trump to halt use of the tax-advantaged "529" educational savings accounts – which is used almost exclusively by the well off, and which Republicans have proposed [to extend to fetuses](#). Instead, Having Kids is urging Trump and Congress to work with states to fully fund those accounts for *all* prospective parents and children through progressively-scaled contributions. These accounts would also require some cooperative contribution from parents (again, progressively scaled) before couples have kids. "Trump and Congress need to take action now to protect our human rights, and the rights of future generations," said Anne Green. "This isn't optional."

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About Having Kids: Having Kids promotes and protects every child's right to a fair start in life by replacing parent-centered family planning models with the child-first Fair Start family planning model. For more information, please visit [HavingKids.org](#)