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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about rational prosecution. Our legal system has several levels as set forth in our constitution - in turn modeled on common law - itself derived from millennia of jurisprudence. It balances a uniform framework of laws and precedents with the judgement of prosecutors, judges and juries. Attorney General Sessions' insistence upon zero tolerance adherence (just this week he has pushed for zero tolerance for gun possession and crossing borders) to a small number of these laws while ignoring many others (money laundering and securities fraud for instance) is making a dangerous mockery of our system. In the eighties a zero tolerance drug policy brought about ludicrously disproportionate seizures and destroyed the lives and families of a significant percentage of young men. By requiring maximum prosecution the discretionary aspect of the prosecutors office is lost and resources are directed at needlessly damaging lives over trifling easily prosecuted crimes while leaving the complicated prosecutions of major criminals alone.

Please assure me that you will stop zero-tolerance prosecution.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our proportionate legal system.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson