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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about immigrant youth. A society is judged by its treatment of the most vulnerable and the mistreatment of unaccompanied child immigrants by our government is a disgrace. Last night I saw a play about the Japanese internment camps and it was impossible not to think of the rapidly expanding desert camp in Tornillo Texas. The court finally overturned the Korematsu case, but it endorsed religious bigotry in the same breath, apparently worried only about the civil rights of past generations. Like then the children are now moved quietly with little warning but today children are taken there alone. Recent actions have brought a five fold increase in children held by HHS with minimal oversight. Some of these actions have been blocked by courts but this has been piecemeal and reactive with the plenary doctrine largely holding sway. The treatment of these children needs to be codified in law so that they are not left at the whim of such bigots as our President, Attorney General and Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Please assure me that you will protect immigrant youth.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our respect for human rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson