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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about immigration apartheid. Rights in the US were once rationed by race and the effects of these policies continue to haunt us. I worry that policies around South American immigrants are revisiting this atrocity. People from South America here for decades are being deported. People applying for asylum are warned away from social services to help through rough periods. People needing protection from gangs or spousal abuse are denied asylum and deported to situations deemed too dangerous for their own US citizen children. People following international asylum protocols are put in indefinite administrative detention. People here their entire lives are threatened with the ending of DACA and seeing birthright citizenship questioned. Most recent is a catch-22 of denying asylum to those not using specific ports of entry while planning to force those who try to use them to remain in Mexican border states carrying travel warnings as too dangerous for US citizens. This apartheid will leave our society weakened morally and economically and further erode our hard earned international respect.

Please assure me that you will treat all people as created equal.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our dedication to equality.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson