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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the crisis at our border. You have frequently claimed that there is a cemergency involving people crossing the US-Mexican border and now you have brought one about. Congress has allocated money which remains unspent. The military has been ordered in. Private organizations stand ready to help. Many people crossing the border have friends or family with whom they could stay. Despite all this you have created a system with horrifying videos of abused children, repeated instances of sexual assault, uncoordinated dumping of people in border cities and reports of widespread disease. Two children have died. Complaints are coming not just from those subjected to this inhumane treatment and the private organizations working to help them but from officials in the affected cities and people within your own administration.

Please assure me that you will act immediately to help our newest arrivals.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson