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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned for arriving immigrants. As you noted in November while visiting San Diego the situation for recently arrived asylees is desperate and requires immediate help from all levels of government as well as ngos. Federal help is a long shot with ICE policies rapidly changing, poorly planned and largely ignoring the well-being of their charges. People are forced to wait in Mexico then crammed into filthy detention centers here and finally dumped without warning onto California streets. There are even threats of greater disasters with revolting private detention agencies threatened with closure and more and more children involved. As Mexico does for deportees, California also must establish ways to deal with the disasters brought by the US government. Besides being a moral imperative there is no better investment in our future health, economy and society.

Please assure me that California will support our newest residents.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our effective progressive policies.

Sincerely, Eric Babson