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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about safety near our border. Thousands of human remains have been found in the deserts of Southern Arizona over the past twenty years with causes of death (where it is possible to determine) being exposure or dehydration. As an avid hiker I can only imagine the horror of being lost without water in those unforgiving deserts. This humanitarian crisis demands a government coordinated response as with climbing rescues in various national parks. Revoltingly, your Justice Department has instead acted to increase this horror. Fencing has been put up and long waits established at entry points to force people deeper into the desert. A year ago (Dec 6) rather than helping coordinate volunteer groups your government filed charges against nine members of one to intimidate us into leaving more people to die. These immoral prosecutions continue apace with another trial beginning today.

Please assure me that FEMA will help rescue people from the desert.

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