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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about HHS child care. With farmland being lost to climate change, weak central governments and cuts to the few US funded programs refugees from the northern triangle are arriving in record numbers and yet HHS remains unprepared. Maybe it is the lack of leadership with six (acting) secretaries since January 2017 or maybe incoherent rushed demands from above but this agency has failed to even track children forcibly separated from their parents, doubled the average stay time via bureaucratic hurdles and deportation threats and contracted with poorly regulated abusive private firms. Now another scandal is unfolding with legal and educational services being cut calling to mind the two year old Ms Davila defending herself in immigration court last year. Children are particularly vulnerable so that even if these cuts which violate a 1997 court order are eventually restored they will still have caused damage. The House stands ready to provide emergency funding to bail you out of yet another failure to plan and yet only requests for enforcement money are forthcoming.

Please assure me that HHS will provide for the children in its care.

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