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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about human trafficking.

Last month your government rendered people tied to Venezuela to El Salvador's cecot prison. The deportations were sudden with no chance to challenge them or even contact family or lawyers some of whom remain unable to find their loved ones. The flights were illegal and Judge Boasberg's order to return them was ignored. Your government claimed in court that at least Mr Garcia's deportation was 'in error' but has fought viciously for the right to leave him to rot. Your government has not so much as named those it has kidnapped though a likely list of 238 people was leaked. These people are being treated as commodities. Your government is paying that of President Bekele for their torment. Bekele in turn is flaunting them for leverage with President Maduro of Venezuela.

Please assure me that you will immediately return the captives to their American homes.

My pride in the US derives in part from our human rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson