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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for children.

Last month ICE began jailing kids in privately run prisons in Karnes and Dilley Texas. The 1993 Flores ruling afforded them some protections but ICE now flouts even these rules and the contractors running their prisons have long records of abuses. Many studies such as one by Prof Laura Wood from 2018 document the life long injury that your policies of separation from caregivers and child detention cause. There are reports of three children under three years old deported just this weekend and many more are likely now that children's legal assistance programs have been terminated. These attacks also terrorize others with reports of a teacher threatening children with deportation and many more school absences as the rising ICE kidnappings persuade people to keep their kids home. As children are forced to fear their government the chances of abuse escalate.

Please assure me that you will protect the children.

My pride in the US derives in part my safe childhood.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson