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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about asylum.

The 1951 Refugee Convention was the UN response to the Nazi era and remains international law with the US government obliged both morally and legally to shelter those fleeing persecution. The asylum system has long been the mechanism by which the US complied with this convention and while evidenciary standards have shifted through both law and court decisions the right to asylum has remained. You have upended this system with an array of vague proclamations leaving arbitrary unclear and shifting rules. Some are rapidly deported to unfamiliar places with no chance to claim asylum. Others are confined indefinitely in barbaric conditions. The ACLU calls this situation 'as unlawful as it is unprecedented'.

Please assure me that you will welcome refugees.

My pride in the US derives in part from our many immigrants.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson