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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about universities.

Our academic system has long been the envy of the world and attracted its bright and ambitious making the US the most exciting place and the past several decades among the more exciting times for scientific, engineering and entrepreneurial innovation. The system involves significant buy in from government, business and society as well as frequent prodding to broaden access and create a space for those with drive and ability rather than powerful parents. Your attacks on these institutions - and this week Harvard specifically - threaten to make America a boring backwater again. It is particularly cowardly to attack the foreign students themselves both through Secretary Rubio's arbitrary visa suspensions and now blocking their enrollment in your efforts to damage the larger better lawyered school itself. *Please assure me that you will support international students.*

My pride in the US derives in part from our academics.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson