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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about oversight.

Federal immigration prisons remain unaccountable. Reports from those entrapped reveal terrible conditions including no charges or way to guess or challenge a sentence, poor health care, rotten food and no beds or privacy. In authorizing DHS appropriations congress explicitly required complete unannounced access for oversight by members of congress. Such visits have been blocked repeatedly. One attempted visit in NJ led to the arrest of Mayor Baraka and attempts to prosecute Representative McIver. Just this past Sunday one group of Representatives was blocked from visiting a hellish facility in Manhattan, another group was blocked from one in Victorville California and a third group was turned away from one in LA. Rather than promise future compliance Secretary Noem and spokeswoman McLaughlin threatened to arrest legislators. This rogue agency must be abolished.

Please assure me that you will shut down ICE.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson