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Dear Ms Simon:

I am concerned about human rights.

The US immigration system is rapidly becoming a moral disaster. For years there have been reports of abuses and inhumane conditions within immigration detention sites. This has been particularly true of those with the least accountability run by the GEO Group and Core Civic. With the rapid increase in arbitrary arrests such reports are growing more horrific and numerous. Although record keeping is poor at least ten deaths are documented this year. This week Tufts graduate student Ozturk added her eloquent testimonial about her ordeal after a rather anodyne exercise of free speech. The entire concept of administrative custody flies in the face of the bill of rights and the possibility of mass deaths is rising. We can not say we did not know.

Please assure me that you will ban administrative detention.

My pride in the US derives in part from our respect for rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson