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June 6, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns regarding the United Constitutional Patriots. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you have concerns regarding the United Constitutional Patriots. According to press reports, members of this militia group have filmed themselves detaining migrant families at the border through the use of force and fear. Like you, I am deeply disturbed by this group's actions. Asylum seekers have often traveled thousands of miles and deserve to be treated humanely, not be met by armed vigilantes. It is illegal under federal law for militias to impersonate federal law enforcement officers. They claim to be making "citizen's arrests," despite not having the authority to do so.

The security of our borders is the responsibility of the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP). I firmly believe that CBP agents should uphold the highest standards of professional conduct and that all federal law enforcement officers have an obligation under domestic and international law to ensure important protections for vulnerable populations fleeing persecution.

You may be interested to know that on July 24, 2017, I sent a letter to then-Secretary of Homeland Security, John Kelly, and then-Acting Commissioner of CBP, Kevin McAleenan, requesting information about CBP's efforts to follow federal law requiring those seeking asylum to be given the opportunity to appear before an immigration judge. The full text of the letter may be found here:
<https://sen.gov/feinstein/ZPJW>

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our nation's immigration laws, I value your perspective on this issue. Rest assured

that I will keep your thoughts in mind as I continue to monitor the groups of migrants fleeing to the United States for safety and the processing of their asylum claims.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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May 15, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to express your support for legislation to prevent gun violence. I appreciate hearing from you on this important topic, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I share your outrage about the seemingly endless number of deaths in the United States each year as a result of easy access to firearms by criminals and others who seek to cause harm. I have long supported commonsense legislation to remove military-style assault weapons from our communities, expand criminal background checks on all gun sales, prevent dangerous individuals from accessing firearms, and increase access to mental health services. I have recently introduced several bills in the 116th Congress to help stop the ongoing epidemic of gun violence in America.

On January 9, 2019, I introduced the “Assault Weapons Ban of 2019” (S. 66). Based on my original assault weapons ban—which became law in 1994 but expired a decade later—this legislation would reinstate the ban on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines like those used in several recent mass shootings. S. 66 is currently awaiting consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am Ranking Member.

Additionally, on February 14, 2019, I introduced the “Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019” (S. 506). This bill would help prevent guns from falling into the hands of those who pose a dangerous risk to themselves or others, such as domestic abusers or those with a history of violent behavior. In some cases, this legislation would permit courts to issue warrants ordering the temporary seizure of all firearms owned by dangerous individuals. S. 506 is also awaiting consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Like you, I believe too many families and communities across the country have been shattered by gun violence. While legislation will not bring back those we have lost, I believe my responsibility as a U.S. Senator is to protect the nation. It is my hope that by enacting these measures we can save lives in the future. Unfortunately, the gun lobby has a tremendous hold on Congress that must be loosened, and I look forward to working with you as we continue the fight for gun safety legislation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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December 3, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding online political advertisements. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you support regulations to prevent the spread of misinformation through political advertisements on social media. Specifically, I recognize you are concerned by Facebook's decision to exempt political advertisements from third party fact checking.

I share your concerns, and I support efforts to combat the spread of misinformation in order to maintain integrity in our electoral process. Voting is at the heart of any democratic society, and I believe we must do everything we can to deter deceptive practices that undermine this fundamental constitutional right.

You may be interested to know that I joined all members of the Senate Democratic Caucus in introducing the "For the People Act" (S. 949) on March 28, 2019. This bill would improve the transparency and accountability of those who purchase online political advertisements by requiring those entities to disclose information about the advertisements to the public. This bill would also require large digital platforms—such as Facebook—to maintain a public database with information about all political ad purchases. S. 949 is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Committee on Finance, of which I am not a member.

I have taken careful note of your views, and I will be sure to keep them in mind should S. 949 or related legislation come before me for a vote.

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November 12, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns about the due process rights of immigrants, and the inefficiencies of our nation's immigration court system. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I share your belief that individuals should have the right to appointed legal counsel during removal proceedings to ensure that they receive due process. Immigrant children as young as three years old are being forced to represent themselves in court every day and are being denied a fair shot at making their case against deportation. These children deserve access to lawyers. As you may know, the *Immigration and Nationality Act* (Public Law 82-414) provides that non-citizens in removal proceedings or associated appeals must have the privilege of being represented by legal counsel at no expense to the government.

I also share your concerns about the backlog of immigration cases pending in immigration courts, as well as about the prolonged detention of immigrants while they wait for their cases to be decided. Our immigration court system must be efficient and safeguard due process. Unfortunately, it is estimated that over 800,000 cases are currently pending in immigration courts nationwide.

You may be interested to know that I joined Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) in introducing the "Fair Day in Court for Kids Act of 2019" (S. 662) on March 5, 2019. I also introduced the "Protecting Families and Improving Immigration Procedures Act" (S. 1733) on June 5, 2019. These bills would give the Attorney General the authority to provide counsel in immigration proceedings and require the appointment of counsel in immigration cases involving minors, at government expense. S. 662 and S. 1733 are both awaiting consideration before the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am the Ranking Member.

Please know that while Congress remains at an impasse over immigration reform, I will continue to fight for sensible solutions to improve our immigration court system. As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our immigration laws, I will also continue to press for oversight of immigration courts and the immigration detention system.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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June 27, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Eric:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about the conflict in Yemen. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

Since 2015, a coalition led by Saudi Arabia has been fighting Houthi rebels in Yemen. The conflict has created a dire humanitarian crisis, with more than 17 million Yemenis at risk of starvation. Since the conflict began, the United States has provided limited support to the coalition, including training, targeting assistance, and—until late 2018—mid-flight aerial refueling services.

The Constitution and the *War Powers Resolution* (Public Law 93-148) give Congress the exclusive power to declare war and the ability to direct the President to withdraw military resources if they have been deployed without explicit congressional authorization. Congress has neither declared war in Yemen nor authorized the use of force against the Houthis.

I am a proud cosponsor of a Senate Resolution (S.J.Res. 7), introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) on January 30, 2019, that would direct President Trump to withdraw U.S. forces from the Yemeni conflict. S.J.Res. 7 passed the Senate on March 13, 2019, and passed the House of Representatives on April 4, 2019. However, on April 16, 2019, President Trump vetoed the resolution, and on May 2, 2019, the Senate failed to override the President's veto. You can read my full statement expressing my strong concerns about the conflict in Yemen, as well as my disappointment with the President's actions, at the following link: <https://sen.gov/feinstein/W072>.

Once again, thank you for writing. Rest assured I will continue to fight to end U.S. involvement in this terrible conflict. Should you have any other questions

or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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September 25, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Eric:

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for repealing the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

Congress passed an *Authorization for Use of Military Force* (AUMF) (Public Law 107-40) on September 18, 2001, which authorized the President of the United States “to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.” The AUMF has since served as the statutory basis for U.S. counterterrorism operations against the Taliban, Al-Qaeda, and other terror groups worldwide.

Please know that I understand and share your concerns about the way the 2001 AUMF has been used, and I believe that Congress should consider a new authorization that reflects today’s threats to U.S. national security. I have heard the concerns many have about the President using this law—which was originally intended to defeat those who planned, harbored, or perpetrated the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks—to authorize operations against terror groups worldwide.

As you may know, Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) introduced a resolution (S.J.Res. 13) on March 6, 2019, that would repeal the 2001 AUMF and renew the president’s authority to use force against the Taliban, Al-Qaeda, the Islamic State and others. This resolution would give the president the authority to add or remove potential target groups, pending a Congressional review. S.J.Res. 13 is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which I am not a member.

I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important issue. I will keep your views in mind should S.J.Res. 13 or related legislation come before the full Senate for a vote in the current Congress.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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October 3, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to express your views regarding the protection of personal privacy in the United States. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

As you know, Americans increasingly rely on smartphones, online services, and even home appliances that collect personal and private data. In the past few years, hundreds of millions of consumers have had their sensitive personal data stolen as a result of data breaches, and it is clearer than ever that protections for personal and private information are critical to prevent fraud, abuse, and hacking of Americans' sensitive data.

That is why I believe individuals should have as much control as possible over their personal data. I also believe that companies should be required to protect their customers' personal data with a heightened degree of care, and should be held responsible should that data directly or through cyber breach end up in the wrong hands.

You may be interested to know that I am a cosponsor of the "Do Not Track Act" (S. 1578), which was introduced by Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) on May 21, 2019. This bill would allow individuals to prohibit any company from collecting any more data than is required to provide a service. Any company that willfully violates the act would be fined no less than \$100,000 and an additional fine of up to \$1,000 per day for every user affected by the violation. S. 1578 currently awaits consideration by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, of which I am not a member.

Please know that I have made careful note of your thoughts and will keep them in mind as Congress examines this issue, and as I continue to fight for the protection of personal privacy.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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October 16, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to share your views regarding recent changes to immigration policies issued by the Trump administration. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I oppose the Trump administration's new "public charge rule," which would prevent legal immigrants who receive public assistance from receiving a green card. The rule would give immigration officials the ability to punish people who received assistance in the past and broad discretion to deny legal status to someone who may need aid in the future. This rule does not reflect who we are as a country.

After the rule was initially proposed in 2018, I joined five of my Senate colleagues in sending a letter to then-Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen urging the administration to rescind the public charge rule. Now that the rule has been released, I will fully support legislative efforts and lawsuits to prevent it from taking effect. You can read my full statement on this issue here: <https://sen.gov/N6ZL>.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our nation's immigration laws, I sincerely appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important issue. I will keep your views in mind as I continue to monitor the Trump administration's implementation of our immigration laws.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter. Best regards.

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October 10, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to express your support for legislation to prevent gun violence. I appreciate hearing from you on this important topic, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I share your outrage about the seemingly endless number of deaths in the United States each year as a result of easy access to firearms by criminals, hate-fueled mass shooters, and others who seek to cause harm. Too many families across the country have been shattered by gun violence, and I agree that elected leaders must stand up against the violence that is tearing our communities apart.

For these reasons, I have long supported commonsense legislation to expand criminal background checks on gun sales, remove military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines from our communities, prevent dangerous individuals—such as terrorists, those convicted of hate crimes, and domestic abusers—from accessing firearms, and increase access to mental health services. I have introduced and cosponsored several bills in the current Congress to help stop this epidemic.

On January 9, 2019, I introduced the “Assault Weapons Ban of 2019” (S. 66). Based on my original assault weapons ban—which became law in 1994 but expired a decade later—this legislation would reinstate the ban on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines like those used in several recent mass shootings. S. 66 is currently awaiting consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am Ranking Member.

On February 14, 2019, I introduced the “Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019” (S. 506). This bill would help prevent guns from falling into the hands of those who pose a dangerous risk to themselves or others, such as domestic abusers

or those with a history of violent behavior. In some cases, this legislation would permit courts to issue warrants ordering the temporary seizure of all firearms owned by dangerous individuals. S. 506 is also awaiting consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I am also an original cosponsor of the "Background Check Expansion Act" (S. 42), which was introduced by Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) on January 8, 2019. This legislation would strengthen our nation's background check system and would limit firearm transfers between private parties. S. 42 is also awaiting consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

While legislation will not bring back those we have lost, I believe my responsibility as a U.S. Senator is to protect the nation. It is my hope that by enacting these measures we can save lives in the future. Unfortunately, the gun lobby has a tremendous hold on Congress that must be loosened, and I look forward to working with you as we continue the fight for gun safety legislation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Your engagement on this issue is critical to our nation's safety. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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May 9, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Just a brief note to let you know I received your recent correspondence. I am always glad to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you, again, for contacting me with your concerns.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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June 14, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to me to express your concerns about President Trump and his administration. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

First, let me say that I understand your concerns. My office has been flooded by calls and emails from Americans concerned about the decisions being made by the Trump Administration and the lasting effects they will have on our country. I strongly believe President Trump must ensure his actions and those of his administration reflect the American values on which our nation was built.

As the top Democrat on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and your senator, I am committed to protecting your fundamental Constitutional rights and those of every American. I will not stand aside and watch our major achievements be swept away, nor will I allow our nation's most vulnerable populations to be targeted by discriminatory policies. I will continue to scrutinize the policies of the Trump Administration, its senior officials, and future judicial nominees.

Across the annals of our nation's history, Americans have challenged injustice and oppression at the highest levels with solidarity and courage. Rest assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind as I continue to do whatever it takes to defend our values and the progress that we have fought too long to achieve.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at <https://feinstein.senate.gov>. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at <https://feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter>. Best regards.

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June 13, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for contacting me regarding a woman's right to make her own health care choices. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you support a woman's right to choose, and oppose efforts to restrict reproductive rights. As someone who grew up prior to the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, I understand the heartbreaking and often unsafe situations that women once commonly faced when trying to make the medical decisions best for them. This is one of the reasons why I support women's reproductive rights, including the right to safe abortion care.

The Supreme Court has also consistently supported women's health care rights. I was heartened when on June 27, 2016, the Supreme Court's ruling in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* struck down Texas state laws imposing discriminatory and restrictive requirements upon abortion clinics. The Court ruled that these requirements are burdensome to women and do not promote public health, and are therefore unconstitutional. This decision has far-reaching implications, and sets a precedent that will protect access to care for women in dozens of states that have proposed or implemented similar laws.

I also believe it is important to preserve access to other critical health care services for women. I have consistently supported federal funding for reproductive health care under the Title X Family Planning Program, which offers funds to Planned Parenthood and similar care providers. Non-abortion services such as contraceptives, cancer screenings, and sexually-transmitted disease (STD) testing and treatment make up 97 percent of the care provided by Planned Parenthood, and these services mainly go to low-income women and men. I was pleased that the Department of Health and Human Services recently implemented a rule that

prevents states from using discriminatory criteria specifically meant to block Title X funds from going to Planned Parenthood.

Unfortunately, a woman's right to make her own health care decisions is still threatened at both the state and federal level. As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees legislation relating to abortion rights, please know that I will keep your views on this topic in mind as I continue to advocate for policies that protect women's access to health care.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope you will continue to contact me regarding issues of importance to you. Should you have any additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841. Best regards.

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Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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March 11, 2019

Eric Babson
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns about the due process rights of immigrants and the immigration court system. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand that you believe individuals should have a right to appointed counsel during removal proceedings to ensure that they receive due process. As you may know, the Executive Office for Immigration Review oversees the immigration court system. The *Immigration and Nationality Act* (Public Law 82-414) provides that non-citizens in removal proceedings or associated appeals must have the privilege of being represented by counsel at no expense to the government.

I recognize that you are concerned about the backlog of immigration cases pending in immigration courts, as well as about the prolonged detention of immigrants while they wait for their cases to be decided. According to press reports, there are over 600,000 cases pending in immigration courts nationwide. Please know that I encourage our immigration enforcement agencies to utilize alternatives to detention for individuals where appropriate. In addition, I believe that immigration detention facilities should provide humane and fair treatment to immigrants and that Congress must provide robust oversight of the immigration detention system.

I strongly believe our immigration court system must be efficient and safeguard due process. You may be interested to know that I joined Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) in introducing the "Fair Day in Court for Kids Act of 2018" (S. 2468) on February 28, 2018. This bill would give the Attorney General the authority to provide counsel in immigration proceedings and require the appointment of counsel in immigration cases involving minors, at government expense. Immigrant children as young as three years old are being forced to represent themselves in court every day and are being denied a fair shot at making their case against deportation. These children deserve access to lawyers. This bill is currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am Ranking Member.

Additionally, in 2013, I voted for comprehensive immigration reform legislation, known as the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act" (S. 744). Among other things, that bill would have increased the number of immigration judges and Immigration Board of Appeals staff attorneys. Additionally, this bill would have provided the Attorney General with the authority to appoint or provide counsel in immigration proceedings. It

also would have required the Attorney General to appoint counsel, at government expense, to unaccompanied children and other vulnerable immigrants. Unfortunately, while it passed the Senate, S. 744 was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

Please know that while Congress remains at an impasse over immigration reform, I will continue to fight for sensible solutions to improve our immigration court system. As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our immigration laws, I will also continue to press for oversight of immigration courts and the immigration detention system.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for contacting me to share your thoughts and suggestions on reforming U.S. immigration policy. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my views on this important topic.

The U.S. immigration system is not working as well as it should for families and communities in California, which is why I support comprehensive immigration reform. I believe reforms should be sensible and fair, meet the needs of families and workers, provide effective enforcement and security at the borders, improve immigrant detentions, and offer a pathway to earned citizenship that requires undocumented immigrants to pay taxes and fines, pass background checks, and learn English.

That is why I voted for comprehensive immigration reform legislation, known as the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act" (S. 744). This bill would have provided a practical way for undocumented immigrants to earn citizenship that would have been contingent upon securing our borders, addressing the problem of foreign nationals who overstay their visas, and deterring future illegal immigration through the implementation of an effective and mandatory employment verification system. It would also have improved our legal immigration system by reducing backlogs in the family and employment visa categories, and provided the world's best and brightest with the ability to work and stay in the United States. Unfortunately, while it passed the Senate, S. 744 was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

You might also be interested to know that I cosponsored legislation introduced by Senator Lindsey Graham and Senator Dick Durbin known as the "BRIDGE Act" (S. 128), which would extend the protections provided by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. As you may know,

DACA allows certain undocumented individuals that came to the U.S. as youth to remain in the U.S. and receive work permits for periods of two years.

Additionally, I introduced a bill (S. 274) to rescind President Trump's executive order halting the U.S. refugee program and suspending the admission of certain immigrants. I also introduced a bill (S. 608) to rescind President Trump's revised executive order.

I am also an original cosponsor of a bill (S. 415) introduced by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto that would rescind President Trump's executive order titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States."

Please know that while Congress remains at an impasse over immigration reform, I will continue to fight for sensible solutions to improve our nation's immigration system. As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our nation's immigration laws, it is tremendously helpful for me to hear suggestions from constituents about how Congress can act to improve this country's immigration policy.

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March 22, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to me to express your views regarding the government shutdown. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

The partial federal government shutdown began on December 22, 2018, leading ultimately to the longest shutdown in U.S. history and hurting more than 800,000 federal employees and many affiliated businesses. More than 450,000 federal employees worked without pay, including 41,000 federal law enforcement officers, 54,000 Customs and Border Protection agents, and 42,000 members of the Coast Guard. President Trump's shutdown delayed hundreds of thousands of federal workers from receiving their paychecks, denied many federal contractors of pay, and created unnecessary chaos for millions of Americans.

I believe it was wrong for President Trump to hold federal workers hostage as leverage to force Congress to give him \$5 billion for a border wall. Government shutdowns should never be used as a negotiating tool.

On February 14, 2019, I joined my Senate colleagues in approving the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019* (Public Law 116-6) by a vote of 83 to 16, which funds all federal agencies and programs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2019. President Trump signed this bill into law on February 15, 2019.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdiction over federal funding, I am proud of all the work that was done to finalize the remaining funding bills. The *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019* keeps the federal entire government open and makes key investments in California. This law strikes the right balance on border security, providing funding for proven measures without wasting limited resources on a massive border wall.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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March 13, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns about mandatory arbitration. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you are concerned that pre-dispute, mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer and employment contracts can deprive individuals of the choice to use the civil justice system.

As a United States Senator, I care very deeply about ensuring that consumers have access to a dispute resolution process that is fair. It is my belief that in some cases, arbitration can provide a fair and efficient way to settle disputes. But the key is that arbitration must be a fair process and the arbitrators need to be neutral. Please know that I share your concerns about the health and safety of American consumers, and I believe that it is important to ensure that consumers are not treated unfairly or deceptively by businesses.

On April 29, 2015, Senator Al Franken (D-MN) introduced the "Arbitration Fairness Act of 2015" (S. 1133), which would prohibit mandatory, pre-dispute arbitration clauses in employment, consumer, and civil rights cases. If the bill were enacted, a business that has required a customer or employee to agree to arbitration of disputes that may arise under a contract signed with the customer or employee, would not be able to enforce the agreement to arbitrate. Consumers and workers would still be able to choose arbitration after a dispute occurred. This bill is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am a member.

Please know that I have made note of your comments on this matter, and I will be sure to keep them in mind should this issue come before me for consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write. I hope you will continue to be engaged in looking into public policy issues, and to write on matters of importance to you. If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841. Best regards.

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March 11, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing me to share your concerns regarding President Trump's judicial nominees. I appreciate you contacting me on this important issues, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

I understand that you are concerned with many of President's Trump's nominees, especially given the power of the courts to hold the Trump Administration accountable.

First let me say that as Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, I firmly believe that assessing judicial nominees is one of the most important responsibilities we have as Senators. As you may know, in 2016 alone, more than 55,000 cases were filed in federal appeals courts, and more than 350,000 cases were filed in federal district courts. These cases range from crime and terrorism to civil rights, and from environmental protections to health insurance claims. The judges who hear these cases will affect millions of Americans through their decisions. Federal judges have a tremendous impact on individuals, businesses, and the law. So it is extremely important who is confirmed to these lifetime positions. The Committee must fully and fairly review the records and qualifications of each nominee.

Like you, I am deeply concerned about the qualifications as well as the judicial philosophies and views of many of President Trump's judicial nominees. As you may know, federal circuit and district court judges have life tenure, so their decisions may impact Americans for generations. Judges must have respect for precedent, be within the mainstream, and protect the fundamental rights guaranteed to all Americans by our Constitution. I will continue to vote against nominees who fail this test, and I will encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Please be assured I will keep your comments in mind as the Senate processes the nominees mentioned in your letter, and I will continue to make a case-by-case assessment of each judicial nominee based on a thorough review of their record and qualifications.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to share your concern regarding the Trump administration's decision to house immigrant children in a tent city in Tornillo, Texas. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

Like you, I am concerned about inadequate conditions at immigrant detention facilities. This July, my staff visited the El Centro Border Patrol station, and reported sub-standard conditions and violations of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol policy. Families with children as young as three years old were sleeping on the concrete floor with no padding. Detainees, including juveniles, did not have adequate access to drinking water and lacked basic hygiene products. A room for adult men was filled beyond maximum capacity to the point where detainees could not even spread out on the floor. I am concerned that similar conditions may exist at other immigrant detention facilities, such as the tent city in Tornillo, and I have called on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to act immediately to address inadequate conditions.

I also share your deep opposition to the administration's needlessly cruel and unacceptable policy of family separation. It is inhumane to intentionally separate children from their parents as a way to punish immigrants, especially as many of these immigrants have arrived in the United States in order to seek asylum. This alone may violate our international treaty obligations and betrays our values as Americans. As stated by the Trump administration, the goal of this policy is to inflict pain and suffering on people who have already put their lives at risk to seek protection. This is downright cruel, and we have a moral obligation to stop this horrific policy.

That is why, on June 7, 2018, I introduced the “Keep Families Together Act” (S. 3036), which would prevent DHS from taking children from their parents at the border. The bill would limit federal law enforcement’s ability to separate immigrant children from their families unless a court has terminated the parental rights of the parents, among a few other narrow reasons. The bill also states that a child could not be taken from a parent solely for the policy goal of deterring individuals from migrating to the United States, and would mandate that federal law enforcement officials, including the Border Patrol, receive annual child welfare training. S. 3036 is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee—of which I am Ranking Member—and now has 48 cosponsors.

Please know that I will keep your views in mind as I continue to monitor the Trump administration’s immigration policies and actions, and I encourage you to keep speaking out on this important issue.

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Eric Babson
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns regarding United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you believe ICE needs greater oversight. I recognize you are concerned about the treatment of migrants in ICE custody, as well as the detention and removal of undocumented immigrants. I also recognize that you support a number of measures to increase the accountability of ICE agents.

Like you, I am deeply disturbed by many of the actions we have seen from ICE during the Trump administration. President Trump's immigration policies are the root cause of ICE overreach, which prioritize deportation of all undocumented immigrants, not just those with serious criminal records. I do not believe ICE's top priority should be the deportation of law-abiding immigrants who are deeply embedded in our communities.

I strongly believe that comprehensive immigration reform is the best way to improve our nation's immigration system. That is why I voted for the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act" (S. 744), which would have allowed the United States to meet our economic and national security needs while offering a pathway to earned citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Unfortunately, while it passed the Senate, S. 744 was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our nation's immigration laws, I value your perspective on this issue. Please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind should immigration enforcement legislation

come before me in the Senate. Rest assured that I will not stop defending the immigrant communities that help make up the fabric of our state and nation.

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Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about voter suppression. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand that you support allowing more Americans to exercise their right to vote and that you are concerned about efforts to undermine this fundamental right.

Please know I share your concern about voter suppression. I am concerned that too many states are enacting laws that make it harder for citizens to vote. Several states have passed laws requiring photo IDs, adopted measures that limit the number of early voting days, imposed new restrictions on voter registration drives, or closed polling locations. These laws have had a disproportionate effect on the voting rights of African-Americans, Latinos, students, the elderly, and low-income Americans.

This Congress, I have cosponsored several bills that I believe are important to combat voter suppression. For instance, I am an original cosponsor of Senator Patrick Leahy's (D-VT) "Voting Rights Advancement Act" (S. 1419), introduced on June 22, 2017. This legislation would replace the preclearance formula struck down by the Supreme Court in *Shelby County* with a new preclearance requirement. The new preclearance conditions in the legislation would help ensure that state and local governments cannot impose new laws or regulations that could restrict voting rights or access without the prior approval of the Justice Department. The bill also contains a number of other reforms to ensure that voting rights laws are enforced. The "Voting Rights Advancement Act" is currently awaiting consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am the Ranking Member.

You may also be pleased to know that I am an original cosponsor of Senator Cory Booker's (D-NJ) "Anti-Voter Suppression Act" (S. 1547), introduced on July 12, 2017. This bill would nullify the President's executive order establishing the "Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity." I am concerned that the Trump Administration intends to use this Commission to advance its unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud. In addition to rescinding the President's executive order, this legislation would also ensure that no funds appropriated by Congress could be used by the Commission. The "Anti-Voter Suppression Act" also explicitly notes that the Commission is "designed to support policies that will suppress the vote in minority and poor communities across the United States." The "Anti-Voter Suppression

Act” is currently awaiting consideration before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, of which I am a member.

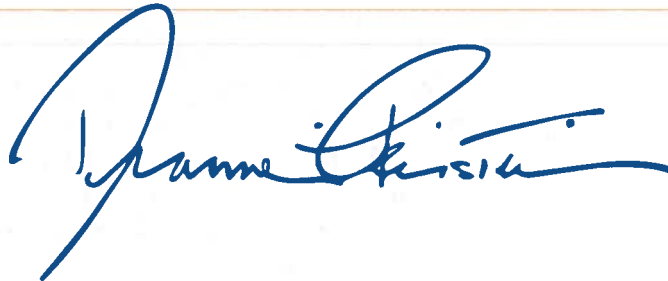
In addition to fighting voter suppression efforts, I have also worked hard to expand access to the polls. You may be interested to know, for instance, that I am an original cosponsor of Senator Ron Wyden’s (D-OR) “Vote by Mail Act” (S. 1231), introduced on May 25, 2017. This bill would amend the *Help America Vote Act* (Public Law 107-252) to allow voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, and it would provide for automatic voter registration. The “Vote by Mail Act” is currently awaiting consideration before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, of which I am a member.

Voting is at the heart of any democratic society, and I believe we must do everything we can to deter deceptive practices that undermine this fundamental constitutional right. We must guard against efforts to suppress voting rights and work hard to make voting easier for Americans.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for contacting me about Justice Brett Kavanaugh's appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. I appreciate you writing to me on this important issue.

As with all nominations, I approached Justice Kavanaugh's nomination with an open mind and was committed to a thorough and fair review of his record. Much of that record was obscured by Republicans who withheld millions of documents related to Justice Kavanaugh's years in President George W. Bush's White House. Nonetheless, it soon became clear from the limited record provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee that President Trump fulfilled his pledge to nominate a 'pro-life' and 'pro-gun' justice. If you would like to read in greater detail my assessment of Justice Kavanaugh's judicial record, you may find it in my Op-Ed to the *Los Angeles Times* here: <https://sen.gov/feinstein/JJRO>

Justice Kavanaugh also faced credible allegations of sexual assault. Dr. Christine Blasey Ford gave powerful testimony about her experience of being physically and sexually assaulted by Brett Kavanaugh. At the direction of Senate Republicans and the White House, those allegations were not thoroughly investigated by the FBI. I am deeply troubled by the message this sends to survivors of sexual assault.

I remain concerned by Justice Kavanaugh's visible partisanship and his aggressive and belligerent tone toward Senators during the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing with Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. The American public deserves to have federal judges—especially Supreme Court Justices—for whom there is no doubt about their open mindedness and impartiality. Our justice system depends on the principle that all litigants are treated fairly and receive due process, no matter their political leanings. If you would like to read the remarks I made on

the Senate floor on the eve of Justice Kavanaugh's confirmation, you may find them here: <https://sen.gov/feinstein/MM70>

Ultimately, the Senate voted 50-48 to confirm Justice Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court on October 6, 2018, and he was sworn in at a private ceremony at the Court that evening. The confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh shifts the Supreme Court far to the right, putting women's reproductive rights, civil rights, environmental protections, worker's rights, the ability to implement gun safety rules, and the ability to hold presidents accountable at risk for a generation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2019

We sincerely apologize for the delay in our response. For security reasons, postal mail is routed to an off-site facility for testing before it is released to Senate offices, which delays the delivery process. Regrettably, due to an error in our mail processing system, the enclosed response letter was delayed even further.

Senator Feinstein prioritizes listening to the views of all Californians, understanding their concerns, and responding in a timely manner. If there is anything our office can do for you, please do not hesitate to email our Correspondence Director directly at constituentmail@feinstein.senate.gov, or call our Washington, D.C., office at 202-224-3841.

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July 13, 2017

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to share your opposition to President Trump's proposal to build a wall along the U.S. border. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

Please know that I agree with you and have serious concerns about President Trump's plans to construct a wall along the entire southern border of the U.S. While I support smart and tough policies to effectively secure our borders, I do not believe diverting billions of taxpayer dollars away from key national security priorities is the right approach.

You may be pleased to know that the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, also known as the "Omnibus," did not include any funding for the construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. This bill provides funding for repairing and replacing existing border fencing, but states that no funds can be used to construct a wall or build new fencing.

You may also be pleased to know that I am a cosponsor of Senator Carper's bill (S. 668) to rescind President Trump's border security executive order which, among other things, directs federal agencies to begin the construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

I strongly believe that comprehensive immigration reform is the best way to improve our nation's immigration system. That is why I voted for comprehensive immigration reform legislation, known as the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act" (S. 744), which would have met the needs of families, businesses, and workers, provided effective enforcement and security at the borders, and offered a pathway to earned citizenship. In order to stay in the U.S. and earn status, undocumented immigrants would have been

required to pay taxes and fines, pass background checks, and learn English. Unfortunately, S. 744 was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our nation's immigration laws, your views are important to me. Please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind as Congress continues to debate this issue.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

Best regards.

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December 14, 2017

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns with President Trump and his administration. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

First, let me say that I understand your concerns. My office has been flooded by calls and emails from Americans concerned with the decisions being made by the Trump administration and the lasting effects they will have on our country. If President Trump is to succeed, he must ensure his actions and those of his administration reflect the American values on which our nation was built.

As the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee and your senator, I am committed to protecting your fundamental constitutional rights and those of every American. I will not stand aside and watch the major successes achieved over the past eight years be swept away, or allow our nation's most vulnerable populations be targeted by discriminatory policies. I will continue to scrutinize the policies of the Trump administration, its senior officials, and future judicial nominees.

Across the annals of our nation's history, Americans have challenged injustice and oppression at the highest levels with solidarity and courage. Rest assured I will keep your thoughts in mind as I continue to do whatever it takes to defend the values and progress, for which we have fought too long to achieve.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at <https://feinstein.senate.gov>. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at <https://feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter>.

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January 17, 2018

Mr. Eric Babson
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to President Trump's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget request. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

This is the most draconian budget I have ever seen proposed by a President. It is an absolute travesty for California and every state or community that thought they had a true partner in the federal government. This budget arbitrarily increases defense spending while capriciously cutting domestic programs that local governments and many of President Trump's supporters rely on.

Additionally, President Trump's budget, if enacted by Congress, would not even reduce federal spending. Instead, it would simply shift funds from non-defense discretionary programs—which are not the driving cause of our debt problem—to the Department of Defense. You can read my full statement on this budget proposal, including specific ways in which it would negatively impact California, at <https://go.senate.gov/feinstein/M4M4>.

However, it is important to remember that the President's budget proposal is simply a request to Congress, and it is Congress, not the President, that ultimately decides how much funding each federal agency and program receives each year. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I look forward to working with my colleagues on FY 2018 funding bills that protect federal support for local communities, science, and the most vulnerable among us.

Please be assured that I will actively oppose any effort to increase defense spending at the expense of essential domestic programs.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at <https://feinstein.senate.gov>.

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August 1, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns regarding President Trump's positions on immigration policy. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you have concerns about how the new Administration will treat immigrant communities. Let me say to you, I understand and hear your fears. Like you, I believe it is important to recognize the role immigrants and their children have played in our nation's history, shaping the economic, cultural, and social development of our society. I, myself, am the daughter of an immigrant. Immigrants have made significant contributions in business and technology, with immigrants and their children starting more than 25 percent of all new businesses in the U.S. Our nation's food supply also depends upon the work of immigrants, keeping Californian and U.S. farms in business and providing fresh produce to Americans every day.

I believe comprehensive immigration reform is the best way to improve our nation's immigration system. That is why I voted for comprehensive immigration reform legislation, known as the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act" (S. 744), which would have met the needs of families, businesses, and workers, provided effective enforcement and security at the borders, and offered a pathway to earned citizenship. Unfortunately, while it passed the Senate, S. 744 was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

I want you to know, I am committed to working for solutions to the challenges facing our nation, and if President Trump will work across the aisle to find pragmatic, bipartisan solutions, I stand ready to help. But, make no mistake, if

there are efforts to roll back the progress we have achieved, I will do whatever it takes to defend our nation's values.

You may be interested to know that I introduced a bill (S. 274) to rescind President Trump's executive order halting the U.S. refugee program and suspending the admission of certain immigrants. I also introduced a bill (S. 608) to rescind President Trump's revised executive order. Additionally, I am an original cosponsor of a bill (S. 415) introduced by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto that would rescind President Trump's executive order titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States." Unfortunately, none of these bills were passed before the 115th Congress adjourned on January 3, 2019, and the bills will need to be reintroduced to be considered in the 116th Congress.

Please know that while Congress remains at an impasse over immigration reform, I will continue to fight for sensible solutions to improve our nation's immigration system. As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I will not stop defending the immigrant communities that help make up the backbone of California and the nation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

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