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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned to hear suggestions of expanded federal reliance on privately run prisons. This has been suggested both by General Sessions and around the DHS while the current trend has been away from such institutions. They have had a terrible record of mismanagement of inmates and employees as well as graft involving a judge and cost overruns. Excessive incarceration around drug offenses since the mid 80's and around immigration since the mid 90's have been very destructive to US communities. The need for private prisons would likely arise from a return to these policies.

Please assure me that you will quash any move to reinstate these failed ideas.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from an accountable judicial system.

Sincerely, Eric Babson