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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by vicious reaction to removing confederate statues in New Orleans. These have been rallying points for racists for generations. There have been threats to contractors reported and vigorous attempts to keep them through the courts and legislature. These point to a bold and vicious group of racists threatening our society. Sadly, some feel you have left the impression that you support these efforts. The Lieutenant Governor even appealed directly for your help. Such attacks require the bully pulpit of the presidency be used to affirm that our society will not bow to such hatred.

Please assure me that you will speak out forcefully against these racists.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian society.

Sincerely, Eric Babson