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Dear Ms President:

I am very concerned about deportations. The federal government has long left many people in limbo through vindictive immigration policies. The current administration appears particularly bent on sowing fear through arbitrary deportations. It is also working hard through a mixture of threats of legal action and funding cuts to recruit the assistance local government agencies. This has already hurt public trust for police and made our communities less safe. I am pleased to see that you and at least three of the eight other directors support moving to a safe BART policy. I hope this will avoid any mechanism by which someone could end up in deportation proceedings as a result (however indirect) of an interaction with BART police.

Please assure me that you will continue to work for safe public transit.

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our leadership with rational progressive policies.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson