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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by hate crime. The last few months have seen a significant increase in such attacks. Attorney General Sessions has opposed hate crimes bills as a Senator. He has also dropped transgender rights rules put in place by his predecessor. You have not condemned violence during your campaign or more recently that of Gianforte. My own city of Berkeley has seen rallies by people claiming to support you becoming violent and again you were silent. Racial minorities have seen the most increase in attacks. This correlates with anti-immigrant rhetoric. Without strong official condemnation and action those with violent leanings appear to be feeling encouraged. Such hate crime tears apart our communities and weakens our country.

Please assure me that you will condemn and work to stop hate crime.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson