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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned about people dying near the Mexican border. Yesterday at least ten people died in an overheated truck trying to cross the border into Texas. This terrible tragedy calls to mind similar incidents from years past and the many more hellish crossings which are not reported since people manage to survive. The past six months has seen a drop in apprehensions by ICE at the border but reliable statistics on deaths are harder to come by. I worry that several past periods of reduced immigration have also seen increased deaths. Apparently, increased enforcement drives many people to more dangerous crossings even while the total number is reduced. You have hired many new border agents who could help by focusing patrols on more dangerous areas. These senseless deaths must be stopped.

Please assure me that you will direct Homeland Security to make border crossings safer.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our moral world leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson