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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by bigotry against gays. Gay people face discrimination and attacks at rates well above average. Attorney General Sessions has been working to weaken laws against this discrimination. Besides the immediate impact of reducing people's legal recourse, such high level attacks embolden the bigots among us. Sessions was a speaker at an event sponsored by the anti-gay hate group: Alliance Defending Freedom and has refused to release a transcript. He dropped cases the Justice Department had been pursuing to defend trans students. More broadly, he has a history of pursuing racially charged voting rights cases when working in Alabama. Judges found these to be without merit. Yesterday the justice department made the troubling move of intervening in a 2nd circuit case to argue against the EEOC that antidiscrimination laws should be interpreted narrowly and bigotry thereby encouraged.

*Please assure me that you will order the Justice Department to defend the weak and not the bigots.*

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our rule of law.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson