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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by racist violence. The hatred espoused at rallies around the country is increasing. When you were a candidate your rallies attracted violence with your encouragement. You encouraged violence against opponents, reporters and immigrants alike. This was particularly clear in the court case citing your provocation as a defense for assault. More recently this frightening trend has escalated. The violent racist groups which rallied in Charlottesville were very explicit in their thanks to you for normalizing and reenergizing their message. Sadly, you responded by supporting them further. Your recent rally in Arizona brought home the extent to which your movement has become one of racist violence. This is bringing back to the fore the worst aspects of our countries history and is damaging our society in ways that will take many years to reverse.

Please assure me that you will stop these rallies and focus on condemning racists.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson