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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned about criminal contempt for civil rights. The right of law abiding people to be left alone is fundamental. This is being undermined by officials rounding up people based only on race or language. You have encouraged this by changing ICE priorities but the master of such attacks over the past 25 years has been Mr Arpaio. Our justice system is not perfect and can be slow at times, but in this case justice is finally coming close. This conviction is essential for persuading officials to uphold our constitution. By threatening to undermine the process with a pardon you have weakened the rule of law. Corrupt officials will be emboldened by seeing that presidential buy-in can replace executing the law.

Please assure me that you will commit to letting courts uphold the constitution.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our rule of law not men.

Sincerely, Eric Babson