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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am very concerned by attacks on immigrants. The current federal administration is tearing apart our society in a number of ways, with the street battles here in Berkeley and the kleptocratic Republican agenda being clear examples. The scapegoating and deportation of immigrants, however, is by far the most destructive work of this corrupt administration. Besides being vicious and immoral these policies damage neighborhoods, the economy and trust for officials and even businesses (eg Motel 6). California is a large state which is particularly badly affected by these deportations. The most effective tool so far has been ICE and the cooperation of local police. I am pleased to see California pushing back.

Thank you for your coauthorship and effective shepherding of SB 54.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our responsible progressive policies.

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson