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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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 easily the most destructive work of this corrupt administration. Besides being vicious and immoral these policies damage neighborhoods by hurting friends and loved ones, the economy by hurting employers and coworkers and trust for officials especially police. California is particularly badly affected. The most effective tool so far has been the cooperation of local agencies. With Attorney General Sessions various funding threats to force this cooperation, I am pleased to see your office pushing back with several suits. This financial argument seems to be gaining traction among some sheriffs so that a clear legal resolution would help with implementation of SB 54.

Thank you for continuing to defend our independence from ICE.

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

Sincerely,

Eric Babson