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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by bigotry. I understand that you will soon visit the new civil rights museum in Mississippi. Awareness of history is essential to good leadership. Please look around when you are there and imagine the relevance for today. In the past the black community was afraid of police. Today ICE is frightening Latinos away from reporting or bearing witness to crime as mentioned today in a letter from an Arizona police chief and one from ICE to the east bay weekly. Today a police officer was sentenced for the wrongful death of a black man. In the past federal agents worked to support local bigotry. Today Attorney General Sessions has stopped enforcement of federally mandated plans to improve equality in several departments. In the past officials spoke disparagingly about blacks creating a second class citizenship. Today the President speaks disparagingly of Muslims with a ban and retweeted fake videos.

Please work toward equality that history might remember you well.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson