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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by grandstanding. Immigrants are being demonized as terrorist threats even though a typical immigrant is more likely to stop such an attack than initiate one. At the same time the administration is asking for half a billion dollars in cuts to counterterrorist agencies. This suggests an interest only in frightening people rather than any sort of public safety. Immigrants are also being attacked with stepped up deportation of long term residents, uprooting lives and damaging communities. There has been a showy proposal to double the number of deportation officers. At the same time the administration is asking for salary freezes for these officers. This suggests an interest only in appearing tough rather than creating an effective force. This emphasis of appearances over substance and its viciously bigoted manifestation is weakening this country.

Please assure me that you will aim for effective policies.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our government for the people.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson