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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about free speech. The freedom of speech has been central to our society since its founding. The two greatest institutions based on this principle are the press and our schools and universities. Instead of supporting these institutions and taking issue with those restricting speech you and Attorney General Sessions have been attacking these very institutions. You have attacked people for opposing you, urging that athletes and reporters be fired. You have frequently attacked the press and asked FBI employees about how they voted and delved into their personal correspondence as well as vetting and restricting publications of scientists at the EPA. The DOJ has taken to attacking universities with briefs against UC Berkeley. These have a chilling effect on speech.

Please assure me that you will encourage free speech.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our free press and open universities.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson