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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about federalizing law enforcement. Attorney General Sessions is continuing to threaten California along with another 22 sanctuary jurisdictions with cutting law enforcement grants among other actions. Law enforcement has traditionally been distributed among levels of government with a strong emphasis on local control where community needs are better understood. This can lead to problems such as occurred in Ferguson where federal guidance is helpful but these DOJ investigations were shut down by AG Sessions. His move instead to force local police to become immigration enforcers is very destructive. It undermines trust in the police which is essential to effective law enforcement. It shifts resources away from crime prevention. It even creates conflict between police agencies and the courts, schools, hospitals and other institutions around which raids occur.

Please assure me that you will support the police.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from the rule of law.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson