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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned for immigrants. Immigration is the life blood of this country. Immigrants are more likely to start companies than domestics driving the national economy. Immigrants are more likely to follow the laws than domestics driving the nations safe streets and low crime rates. Immigrants are more likely to study than domestics driving the nations research success. Immigrants are more likely to be young than domestics driving our countries demographics back toward balance. The Republican attack on immigrants is an immoral travesty appealing only to the racism of a large and powerful minority. Nationally, the Republicans hold almost all the cards. The budget debate is one of the few points where there is significant leverage. The Senate situation is difficult but may be moving but the House needs to get on board as Representative Pelosi so eloquently said this week with her eight hour stand.

Please assure me that you will not back a budget plan without a promise on immigrant rights.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson