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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about school dicipline. This country has among the world's highest rates of incarceration which has a well documented bias toward blacks and some other minorities. This has had devastating effects on many lives and neighborhoods where families are separated and people are shut out of the job market either from lack of training or from hiring bias. Studies have found that many people have their first encounter with the justice system as students when what should have been a routine diciplinary matter within the school is referred insteed to police. Many jurisdictions have begun policies to help including the Obama administrations 'rethinking school dicipline'. Senator Rubio has baselessly tried to link these policies to school shootings and you and Secretary DeVos appear to have been fooled. Preventing school gun violence- as you realized last week- is best done by preventing youth from having guns.

Please assure me that you will continue 'Rethinking School Dicipline'.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson