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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about criminal candidates. Law and order are fundamental to our society and yet Joe Arpaio with a contempt conviction, Don Blankenship with a conspiracy conviction, Michael Grimm with a felony conviction and Greg Gianforte with an assault conviction are all running for congress and even trumpeting their convict statuses. Those who break the laws should not be those making them and any morally upstanding major party would of course condemn such candidates. None of the crimes in question are minor or victimless with many illegally imprisoned by Arpaio and dozens killed by Blankenship's avarice. Unfortunately Gianforte already has the GOP endorsement and this week you appeared at an event with Arpaio where you lavishly praised him. Throwing the weight of your office behind immoral criminals is weakening this country.

Please assure me that you will condemn criminal candidates.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson