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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about family detention. The continuing dehumanization of people at the border is destroying the soul of this country. Imprisoning families has precedent in Siberia and North Korea as well as the third Reich but until this month I did not think it could happen here. Prisons should be used to prevent antisocial behavior (graft, collusion, treason) not persecute entire communities. The criminalization of immigration is not new but you have pushed these policies to cruel and immoral new extremes. Occasionally migrations do involve criminals and intrinsic dangers such as the 1980 Mariel boatlift from Cuba. In contrast the current migration has many families fleeing terrible conditions - conditions abetted by US deportation policies. These immigrants are a great boon to the US economy, US demographics and US crime rates. The trip is dangerous largely because of US fences and US agents - hunting people and destroying water drops.

Please assure me that you will release families in accordance with the Flores agreement and international law.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson