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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about refugee rights. A society is judged by how it treats its weakest members. The international framework to support human rights is centered on humane treatment of refugees as codified in the Refugee Convention and Refugee Protocol as well as US law. The American experience has been built around waves of immigration as enshrined in the Statue of Liberty. Your administration seems bent on making a mockery of this system. You began with a Muslim ban and sharp reduction in refugee admissions and have continued with attacks on one program after another, DACA and H1B being prominent examples. A recent Vox report on a Department of Justice plan to overhaul asylum policy indicates the stunning lengths you are willing to go to to subvert US and international law in an effort to hurt the weak. Immigration is a huge boon to the US and while refugees and asylees are only a small percentage they are the people most likely to die as a result of the unlawful rejections proposed by General Sessions.

Please assure me that you will support refugees.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson