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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned about your child hostages. From the Grimms' fairy tales to the legal fight around Elin Gonzalez from Cuba the extremity of taking a young child stands in stunning contrast to the cavalier attitude of Secretary Azar. First the implementation of a such a separation policy is unconscionable. Second the incompetence and arbitrariness of having no mechanism for even counting the hostage children much less a plan for reunions is almost unbelievable. Now, even in the face of a court order, an agency with 80,000 employees only managed to bring 34 families back together by the deadline and another 24 late leaving dozens of infants and thousands of other children in limbo. The arbitrary rules such as requiring fingerprints, charging the victims for travel costs and barring paroles for deportees to return for their children demonstrate complete bad faith. If there is any time to enforce the law this would be it. Perhaps from prison Secretary Azar could see his way clear to do whatever it takes to follow the law.

Please assure me that you will jail Azar.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson