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From: Senator Dianne Feinstein <senator@feinstein.senate.gov>

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Subject: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein responding to your message

Dear Eric:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns regarding President Trumps positions on immigration policy. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I know many Californians are struggling to make sense out of the 2016 presidential election, and I understand your concerns about how the new Administration will treat immigrant communities.

Let me say to you, I understand and hear your fears. Like you, I believe it is important to recognize the role immigrants and their children have played in our nations history, shaping the economic, cultural, and social development of our society. I, myself, am the daughter of an immigrant. Immigrants have made significant contributions in business and technology, with immigrants and their children starting more than 25 percent of all new businesses in the U.S. Our nations food supply also depends upon the work of immigrants, keeping Californian and U.S. farms in business and providing fresh produce to Americans every day.

I believe comprehensive immigration reform is the best way to improve our nations immigration system. That is why I voted for comprehensive immigration reform legislation, known as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S.744), which would have met the needs of families, businesses, and workers, provided effective enforcement and security at the borders, and offered a pathway to earned citizenship. Unfortunately, while it passed the Senate, S. 744 was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

I want you to know, I am committed to working for solutions to the challenges facing our nation, and if President Trump will work across the aisle to find pragmatic, bipartisan solutions, I stand ready to help. But,

make no mistake, if there are efforts to roll back the progress we have achieved, I will do whatever it takes to defend our nations values.

You may be interested to know that I introduced a bill (S. 274) to rescind President Trumps executive order halting the U.S. refugee program and suspending the admission of certain immigrants. I also introduced a bill (S. 608) to rescind President Trumps revised executive order. Additionally, I am an original cosponsor of a bill (S. 415) introduced by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto that would rescind President Trumps executive order titled Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States.

Please know that while Congress remains at an impasse over immigration reform, I will continue to fight to for sensible solutions to improve our nations immigration system. As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I will not stop defending the immigrant communities that help make up the backbone of California and the nation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at <https://feinstein.senate.gov> [[outreach.senate.gov](https://feinstein.senate.gov)].

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Best regards.

Sincerely yours,
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United States Senator