

July 18, 2018
Eric Babson
babson@math.ucdavis.edu
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about immigration. Residency law needs to be aligned with current realities. With reactionaries in power it will be difficult to pass anything but Democrats need to shift the debate by suggesting something to address the current Central American crisis with its mix of family ties, brutal gang persecution, minimal governmental protections and economic instability. Immigration is a great boon to this country, enriching the food and culture while driving down crime and shifting our aging demographics. Immigrants also start more companies with studies showing that childhood arrivals (such as the DACA recipients and those being viciously traumatized at the border) are particularly successful. The current system also physically blocks many immigrants and criminalizes many more, creating a second class of resident, interacting less with police and vulnerable to ICE blackmail and hence exploitation. Finally the current system gives the executive plenary power over immigrants and blocks them from constitutional protections. We are now seeing just how dangerous this can be.

Please assure me that you will back a humane and realistic change in immigration law.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson