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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about slavery. Today many people in the US seeking asylum are instead forced into servitude. This is accomplished first with administrative detention of indefinite length and without the option of bond. This detention is then contracted out to private companies with guaranteed numbers of inmates and minimal oversight. This motivates ICE to push for incarceration and Core-Civic to underfeed and overwork its inmates. There are many reports of terrible conditions and little access to medical care while hunger and solitary confinement are used to coerce work. California and civil rights groups have filed suit but unfortunately your administration has been expanding the system and even trying to extend it to children, while eighteen Republican congressmen have taken their campaign contributions and come out in strong support of Core-Civic. Such repugnant crimes by the state are weakening our country.

Please assure me you will end administrative detention.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson