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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about slavery. Today many asylum seekers in the US are being forced into servitude. This is accomplished first with administrative detention of indefinite length and sometimes no option for bond. This detention is then contracted out to Core-Civic or GEO with guaranteed numbers of inmates and minimal oversight. This motivates ICE to push for incarceration and Core-Civic to underfeed inmates while coercing them to work. There are many reports of terrible conditions and little access to medical care along with coercive abuse of solitary confinement. The Southern Poverty Law Center among others 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 immoral crimes by the state are weakening our country.

Please assure me you will work to 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