Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Venezuela. The political and humanitarian crisis there is growing with millions already displaced and it is now reminiscent of the North African crises of the past few years. In both cases the US has been shockingly absent, a far cry from both our ability to respond and our past international leadership. While Europe ended up grudgingly as home to most North Africans refugees it appears that most from Venezuela will end up in South or Central American countries. The US response has been embarrassing with your sabre-rattling helping to entrench President Maduro’s disastrous rule and your vicious policies of snatching children while tightening immigration restrictions and blustering about walls highlighted our failure to welcome those in need. Besides the immorality this weakens the US by increasing violence in the hemisphere and losing the opportunity for interesting, productive neighbors.

Please assure me that you will welcome Venezuelan refugees.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson