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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about vote suppression. Subpoenas of ballots by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency came to light this week in North Carolina. These sweeping requests for tens of millions of records - ostensibly secret - move ICE another step in the direction of becoming a rogue presidential police force not constrained by congress or the courts. Maybe this is an attempt to continue the failed efforts of President Bush and your Pence-Kobach task force to fish for suspicious votes even though previous efforts have made very clear that there is nothing there to find. More likely this is a move to intimidate voters as it is very close to the election and will clearly frighten away from the polls many who are already suspicious of ICE and your government. This is in line with other GOP moves to gerrymander, close polling stations and add hoops to jump such as ID so that with only a minority of support you can remain in power.

Please ensure free and fair elections.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson