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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about deportation. There have been a number of shameful episodes in this country's past and with the worst (slavery and the native genocide) there have been legislative and even constitutional safeguards put in place. With many others such as the rendition program in the 00s, the Japanese internment in the 40s and the sweeping Mexican repatriations in the 30s there may be a common understanding that these acts were immoral but the legal issues remain nebulous without explicit legislation or a constitutional change. The renditions saw a waffling order by President Obama, the internments only a court case from last year and the repatriations I believe remain unchallenged. With deportation and administrative detention rising rapidly and reports of challenges to both naturalized and birthright citizenship we do not have the luxury of assuming these horrors will not recur. While there have been apologies and important reports, stronger safeguards against repetition would be more convincing.

Please assure me you will prevent mass deportations.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our respect for civil rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson