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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about child prisoners. Refugees crossing the US border have often dealt with incredible hardships both where they started and during their escape. Such trauma is particularly difficult for children and their best chance requires that they be reunited as quickly as possible with family in the US. In one of your very rare apologies you claimed to understand this fact at least for those you had forcible separated from their parents. Unfortunately, besides failing these court ordered reunifications for hundreds of children your policies have also increased the number of child prisoners by a factor of five. This is reportedly due to a lack of good faith effort on your part. You have thrown up daunting regulatory hurdles (despite your avowed aversion to regulation). You have used ICE to terrorize the very families who need to be located. You have focused not on helping these children but on trying to blame others (predictably congressional Democrats) and trying to cover up the problem by barring shelter workers from speaking to the press.

Please assure me that you will release the children.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson