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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about arbitrary confinement. Habeas corpus is essential to our justice system but today thousands being held through the immigration system are denied bond hearings. We have been building parallel immigration courts and police but without the constitutional safeguards which make our system work. There are cases before the ninth circuit and now the supreme court asking the unthinkable question of whether immigration status rather than danger to society is a permissible criterion for the loss of liberty. There has been so much confusion that some people at the facility in Richmond only managed to get hearings after an outside group realized that they were eligible and petitioned the courts. Similar questions were asked in the forties around Japanese Americans and like the Korematsu case several members of the court as well as many legislators and the Justice Department are now on the wrong side of history and of morality.

Please assure me that you will clarify congressional support for bond hearings.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson