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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about human smuggling. Immigration has been poorly handled in the US for decades with many people forced to worry about visas at the expense of contributing fully to society. Several issues have collided recently to make things worse. Violence and desperation in Central America have spiked, arbitrary detention and deportation by ICE have also increased and immigration quotas have been drastically cut. The result is many more people with a desperate need to cross the border at the same time that the crossing is becoming more difficult and dangerous. With seven times the rate of long term residents being deported from two years ago many people are also trying to cross with no connections in the place to which they have been deported. The result is an increased demand for traffickers adding to the danger to those crossing (hundreds of bodies were found last year) and to crime on both sides of the border. This horrific dynamic is seen in the recent deportation and death of long term American resident Adrian Luna.

Please assure me that you will welcome immigrants.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson