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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned for asylees. Central America is seeing a surge of violence and political instability resulting in millions of displaced people in need of refuge. The US has hurt this situation through deportations and rapidly closing borders creating ever more reliance on dangerous smugglers. Your avowed Christianity appears to manifest as a vocabulary for justifying evil with vicious attacks on asylees throughout your political career. These include a (failed) self-deportation bill as a legislator, an attempt (again failed) to halt funding for Katrina survivors and an attempt (also failed) as Governor to keep refugees out of Indiana. As Vice President you have pressured Central American governments to use military force against those fleeing violence and supported the past (and possibly future) separation of families at our border. Fortunately your approach of vague hints of possible money seems destined to failure once again but it is frightening to see such evil intent from an elected official.

Please assure me that you will support asylum seekers.

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