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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for minorities. A society is judged by how the most marginalized are treated. Lazarus' poem in the statue of Liberty and the opening of the Declaration of Independence set a high moral standard to aspire to but every government must contend with the temptation to scapegoat and vilify small minorities. Transgender people are suffering your failure to uphold these ideals. Your administration began with the DOJ dropping its defense of transgender students and soon moved to attempts to expel transgender soldiers followed by rule changes hurting people in prisons and homeless shelters and attempts to make them disappear by dropping gender identity questions from the census and an elderly citizen's survey. Most recently the DHHS has moved in a memo to define transgender people away throughout the government (wherever Title IX comes up) and end all legal protections even though hate motivated violence has long been a problem for transgender people and both the HRC and the FBI find these crimes continuing to rise.

Please assure me that you will protect transgender Americans.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson