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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about asylum. In the aftermath of WWII the world came together around the plight of refugees with the 1951 Convention and eventual 1967 Protocol. These codify the obvious moral point that refugees deserve a hearing and the promise of protection, whatever jurisdiction they may be in. You have flouted the spirit of this convention at every turn with drastic refugee cuts embedded in each of your Muslim bans, threatening people with indefinite detention and the loss of their children if they proceed with the asylum process, eliminating long standing asylum criteria and threatening immigration judges who deny too few applicants. This week you violated even the letter of the convention, moving to summarily deny claims without so much as a hearing. Even once the courts manage to stop this travesty, your xenophobia will still embolden terrorist white-nationalists here and racist repression elsewhere.

*Please assure me that you will welcome all asylum seekers.*

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