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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about border guard brutality. US Border Patrol is making a mockery of our asylum laws and their attacks this week were particularly repugnant. Tear gas was used against groups including children and on foreign territory. This has drawn a protest from the government whose sovereignty was ignored and meant that the perpetrators in the US Border Patrol could not have provided assistance to anyone requiring it as Mr Kerlikowski notes is standard practice. Such a violent defense of an arbitrary bureaucratic line calls to mind the worlds most repressive regimes. The attempts to thwart international asylum law appear to be continuing even after people enter our country with Mr Galdamez and others finding no opportunity even to petition for asylum.

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 record on human rights.

Sincerely, Eric Babson