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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about migration. The past few years have seen extreme violence in north Africa and central America. This has left tens of millions of people internationally displaced - the largest number in 70 years. With each country setting its own policies the resulting patchwork has made the process much more unpredictable and dangerous than it needs to be and at the same time has made planning more difficult for host and transit countries. With coherent international policies education, health, food, housing and employment needs can be planned for and migrants can make the move more safely by avoiding dangerous criminal smugglers and having some idea what awaits them on arrival. The UN has spent the past two years codifying some basic guidelines in the non-binding Global Compact for Migration which will be signed this week. Embarrassingly the US was among the first to withdraw as announced a year ago by Secretary Tillerson.

Please assure me that you will sign the Global Compact for Migration.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson