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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by arbitrary administrative detention of immigrants. The US immigration system has not been overhauled for decades and the resulting mix of law and administrative policy was ripe for your abuse upon becoming President. You have uprooted the lives of adults by ending TPS and dropping restrictions on deportations, of college students by ending DACA, of small children by tearing them from their parents arms and prolonging their detention and now of teens as well with unsubstantiated accusations of gang affiliation. Once again you have mistaken viciousness for security and used vague lists designed best for sending people to talk to the principal to uproot lives with indefinite ICE detention and deportation. Such arbitrary attacks actually empower the very gangs they are supposed to combat by leaving teens here more fearful of any interaction with police and more likely to be tracked away from scholastic success while also making it harder for people in Central America to stand up to and escape gangs by seeking asylum in the US.

Please assure me that you will abide by constitutional legal protections for immigrants.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from the rule of law.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson