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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about abuse of immigrants. Thousands of our newest residents are being held by the GEO group and Core Civic in such appalling conditions as to have inspired numerous hunger strikes. Reports include forced work, poor health care, psychological abuse and arbitrary and lengthy solitary confinement. These desperate hunger strikes have reportedly met with violent retaliation and court ordered force feeding - a practice condemned as immoral by both the AMA and the WMA. Apparently (as with the children ICE kidnapped) records of how often this has happened are not available. Most remarkable is that the people on whom these horrors are visited are asylum seekers- protected by both moral law and international convention and not even accused of any antisocial behavior. In fact people who have persevered through the many hardships of immigration are considerably more likely to contribute to society than the locally born as the relative success of their children (DACA recipients) illustrates.

Please assure me that you will end administrative detention of asylees.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson