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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about health care along the border. As you have recently noted there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding with thousands dying out in the desert and increasing numbers - including children - even in government care. There are many government employees working along the border variously for the border patrol, the military, the national guard and police departments. Many of these people are trained primarily for other situations ranging from wars to solving criminal cases with only about six percent having significant medical training. The political problems in Central America including the disaster in Venezuela have increased the number of children and people with health issues reaching the US. While you have levied sanctions, sent token food aid and threatening other aid programs much more needs to be done to address the kidnapping, sexual assault and simple travel injuries faced in this exodus even before reaching the US. We must also adjust the training, protocols and hiring for workers at our border to reflect the most serious threats: medical issues. More facilities and doctors must be made more available and health concerns must take precedence over enforcement.

*Please assure me that you will focus on providing for the medical needs of those crossing the border.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson