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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about justice. Equal protection defines our justice system but the separate and very unequal federal immigration system makes a mockery of this principle. Extreme punishments such as deportation and indefinite detention are meted out with little judicial oversight, no proportionality and targeting a largely racial minority. California took the sensible step of distancing ourselves from this travesty through SB54 but a new report finds that over a third of our law enforcement agencies cooperate with ICE anyway in violation of at least the spirit and sometimes the letter of this law. Even here in Alameda County the Sheriff's Department was publicly posting release information, enabling ICE apprehensions. Vicious measures targeting others can unfortunately be popular. It falls to elected officials to buck this tendency.

Please assure me that you will vigorously enforce SB54.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian society.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson