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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the US-Mexican border. You have declared it an emergency, CBP Commissioner McAleenan has called his agency at the breaking point, several children have died of preventable causes and hundreds of people have been dumped on city streets at night - not by smugglers but by US agents. Families fleeing the northern triangle are now the bulk of our asylees so that further efforts to stabilize the situation there are clearly called for. Sadly, you are cutting rather than expanding the small existing program spending half a billion dollars a year to help people stay at home. You are demanding ten times this amount to upgrade fencing although most people are seeking out border agents. You are threatening to close a border which sees one thousand times as much trade as this aid program and one hundred times as many commuters as asylees. These actions are immoral and weaken America.

Please assure me that the border will remain open.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson