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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about immigration courts. EOIR judges have massive case loads and backlogs while routinely making life altering and even deadly decisions under time pressure, DOJ pressure and usually against unrepresented defendants who speak no English. Such justice must often be miscarried. With the rising asylum case loads you have declared an emergency and complain of congressional inaction. Commissioner McAleenan sees a breaking point while Attorney General Sessions ramped up the pressure by arbitrarily throwing out precedent around gang violence and moving to coerce rapid findings against petitioners. The federal bar association backs moving to an Article I court such as our tax or bankruptcy courts to reduce the conflict implicit in DOJ oversight and chip into the plenary control of immigration the Administration has been stuck with.

Please assure me that you will improve the fairness of immigration courts.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from equal justice under our law.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson