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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about hate crime. Random attacks on strangers based on apparent group membership are particularly pernicious. There is no defense against such attacks so even if fairly rare they leave people with a constant fear. While crime overall has been dropping for decades white nationalist hate crime has been rising over your term. Such criminals are difficult to understand but appear to need a scapegoat for their life failures and by making frequent racist headlines you are providing one. Just this month ProPublica found that border patrol has fostered a dangerously racist internal culture and the atrocious conditions in their camps attest to the real world effects. This week there was an attempt to burn down a Tacoma immigration facility and then yesterday you added to the xenophobia by attacking even US Representatives for their race.

*Please assure me that you will call out racism as House Democrats did today.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson