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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about asylee safety in Guatemala. Last month the US reached an agreement with President Morales regarding the fates of tens of thousands of refugees from central America. This arrangement appears to be poorly planned and have the potential to cost many people their lives. It is exactly what the refugee protocol is meant to prevent. Many things point to the goal of a line for rallies rather than effective policy. The skeptical Guatemalan Congress has yet to weigh in. The office intended to process thousands of asylum claims a week is now struggling to deal with forty. Even the US State Department remains unenthusiastic and DHS is moving to get the required executive certification that asylees will be safe when it is apparent that they will not. After decimating the State Department and sidelining its remaining experts this negotiation fell largely to Acting Secretary McAleenan whose expertise and charge fall very far from asylee safety in Guatemala.

Please assure me that you will admit all asylees.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson