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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about death by deportation. Punitive deportation has a long history particularly for governments too weak to maintain jails. The pretense that this extreme punishment should be called administrative and be meted out to those posing no threat to society with minimal oversight is a shameful moral failing. Your frequent and horrific abuse of near plenary power to deport has been slowly shifting public attitudes while leaving a trail of death and shattered lives. There are the children you snatched from their parents whose psychic toll is only beginning to be cataloged with a DHHS Inspector General report this month. There are Jimmy Al-Daoud and Jose Martin Delgado deported to Iraq and Mexico - places foreign to them with no support who quickly died. This past week you announced, then retracted, then insisted you might proceed with later a gruesome plan to deport the thousand or so people with medical deferred action - many of whom will not survive without the treatments they can only find here.

*Please assure me that you will halt deportations.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson