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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about immigration. American society's unprecedented wealth and innovation as well as low crime rates have clear connections to waves of immigration keeping the country from stagnating. This success itself along with a reasonable (though varying) degree of welcome has kept this wellspring of societal renewal flowing. Last year we got the fewest immigrants since 2008 when the financial crash discouraged people. This week you announced yet another drastic reduction in refugees while two of your many vicious deportation schemes were stopped by courts. Already you have left families separated with young Rohingya unable to bring their parents here and young Americans unable to keep theirs. At the universities many good students are opting to go to Europe rather than here and those we do train, unsure about eventually settling their families, are then starting their companies elsewhere. These effects will snowball.

Please assure me that you will encourage immigration.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson