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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about homophobia. Growing up gay I am not surprised by the recent meta analysis of studies finding that bigotry takes a toll on mental health. I was never physically attacked but friends were and a relative attacked others. There were nasty comments from strangers and people blithely assuming that some jobs were off limits and my relationships less important. The change with Obergefell v. Hodges was immediate and transformative with both the overall feeling and specific people changing overnight. You and General Barr are working to roll back these protections and add gays to your several targets of hatred - filing briefs in support of people firing me, denying me services large (health care) and small (cakes) and packing the courts with unqualified bigots. Already homophobic hate crime is rising.

Please assure me that you will support LGBT rights and the removal of General Barr.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson