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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about militaristic ICE deployments. Hundreds of SWAT (BORTAC) agents have been assigned to support arrests of non-criminals in cities including San Francisco. This is reminiscent of your 2018 border troop deployment and looks like another election stunt but this one is more dangerous. Officers have been reported at peoples homes in full assault gear, impersonating police and in one case leaving a tourist shot in the face. Tactical training is not good for the deescalation appropriate to typical ICE or police activities and even their use by real police in drug raids has led to more shootings. Mr. Kerlikowske with experience as both police chief and commissioner of border patrol calls such deployment a significant mistake.

Please assure me that you will abolish ICE.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson