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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for detainees. Staunching the spread of coronavirus is difficult enough from my own house and was found to be nearly impossible on a cruise ship. Detention facilities will be even worse. This is a worry for the Uyghur concentration camps in China, for refugee camps in Gaza, Libya and Iraq and it should be a worry for our administrative detention facilities. Many are run by two private companies with a history of poor conditions. In California some prisoners are being released and police are using more citations in place of arrests to slow transmission. For people in administrative detention what had been an arbitrary and cruel punishment absent any conviction has now become Russian roulette and an accelerent of the epidemic.

*Please assure me that you will release everyone from administrative detention.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson