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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about incarceration. You are both in charge of federal prisons and administrative detention and at risk of becoming a state inmate. The system has long been overused and classist with vast racial disparity, cash bail, sweeping administrative detention powers and corruption as found in Ferguson. As your epidemic hit General Barr paid brief lip service to decarceration but there are now more inmates than a year ago and outbreaks include a huge one here at San Quentin drawing a court's cruel and unusual finding. Like health care facilities, schools and businesses, prisons should have a robust testing regimen for both guards and inmates but instead things are left to chance resulting in both infection and death rates well above the national average. Prisoners may be out of sight but the moral culpability and COVID deaths still stalk our greater society.

Please assure me that you will make incarceration fair and safe.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from the rule of law.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson