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Dear Mr President:

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I am concerned about political repression.

You have frequently threatened to prosecute opponents and NPR finds more than 100 officials who have already faced retribution. Shortly after you took office a number of security clearances and security details were blocked. ICE is acting with impunity: flouting court orders with flights to El Salvador and very nearly to Lybia as well; making warrantless arrests and trampling the writ of habeas corpus. They recently arrested Mayor Baraka and Judge Dugan- the latter with FBI support. Criminal probes have been launched by the DoJ against a wide range of politicians from Messrs Krebs and Taylor of your previous administration to NJ Governor Murray and AG Platkin while dropping an actual probe of Mayor Adams. This weeks multipronged federal attack on NY AG James is a brazen and dangerous escalation.

Please assure me that you will drop all investigations of James. My pride in the US derives in part from the rule of law.

Sincerely, Eric Babson