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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about medical bigotry.

The VA by-laws have just been changed to allow doctors to base treatment decisions on personal biases rather than 'benefit my patients according to my greatest ability and judgement' as per Hippocrates. The change is based on one of your many ill-advised executive orders. The one in question is partly focused on bigotry against trans people but has now been interpreted to drop explicit protections based on national origin, marital status and political affiliation from guidance in VA medical treatment and hiring. The VA system is the country's largest and deals with millions of patients annually. Your defenders are loudly calling the change a formality. This will be more plausible once the protections return.

Please assure me that you will restore ideology-blind medical access.

My pride in the US derives in part from our equal treatment.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson