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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about arbitrary arrests of recent immigrants.

You have suggested intent to hire former acting head of ICE Homan who has bragged about plans to make immediate arrests. Such plans flout the fourth amendment guarantee against unreasonable searches. They have included threats to prosecute such local officials as Chicago Mayor Johnson. Threats of raids are already causing damage as some dispossessed by the fires in LA fear seeking aid increasing the risk of hunger and homelessness. Besides the threats an ACLU FOIA lawsuit has found plans to increase ICE detention capacity including reopening the Carrizo Springs concentration camp and expanding contracts with GEO Group after numerous findings of abuse by this company. You have called such raids a big priority while Pope Francis has called them a disgrace.

Please assure me that you will welcome recent immigrants.

My pride in the US derives partly from our respect for human rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson