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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about a Guantanamo concentration camp.

Guantanamo is a reportedly lovely bay with a terrible record of US human rights issues. It has been used to dodge constitutional protections for Haitians in the 90s and others since 2000 using a 1950 legal fiction found inapplicable in 2004. Administrative detention is another legal fiction with a flimsy statutory basis in which those deemed to have improper paperwork suffer Draconian indefinite detention in often deplorable conditions (courts have found the private GEO Group exploits the tens of thousands it imprisons) without so much as an allegation of criminality. Compare this to your own dozens of felony convictions. You have proposed combining these into a prison camp where tens of thousands of upstanding members of society can be rendered outside any state or court oversight. This is more reminiscent of the horrors imposed on Uighurs in China or Rohingya in Myanmar than the rule of law I expect here.

Please assure me that you will keep the Guantanamo prisons empty.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson