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Dear Ms Simon:

I am concerned about repression.

This week the State Department ordered the arrest and planned expulsion of Mr Khalil - a US permanent resident and now political prisoner singled out for organizing campus protests. Mr Khalil's arrest was more of an abduction as it was carried out by people without uniforms, marked vehicles or a warrant who threatened his wife and refused to provide their names or speak to his attorney. No charges have been filed or even suggested. Far from backing away from such abuses the administration asserts a vague sweeping right which has previously been found unconstitutional to expel those who might hurt their foreign policy and yesterday demanded that Columbia University - if it want to see its money again - collude in the 'many arrests to come'.

Thank you for cosigning a letter supporting Mr Khalil.

My pride in the US derives in part from our political freedom.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson

DHS has found that white supremacists pose the top domestic terrorism threat. Many members and some leaders of these groups have recently been pardoned while property damage at Tesla dealerships and peaceful protest by BLM and antifa activists has been labeled terrorism.