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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about empathy.

This week you cut legal representation for thousands of unaccompanied children in immigration court. It is revolting that any such cases are being prosecuted yet your February memo instructed ICE officers to target precisely this population. Even adults are much more likely to be deported when facing these courts alone and children without advocates are also more likely to be exploited. In your previous term there were images of children in cage-like cells at the Ursula warehouse in McAllen TX and small children in immigration courts along with stories of thousands snatched from their parents and disappeared into foster care. Children in the US and those who have been here since they were are Americans. Normalizing the torment of children primes the nation for genocide.

Please assure me that you will protect the children.

My pride in the US derives in part from our humanity.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson