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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about student visas.

Masked enforcers apparently working for ICE have begun arresting foreign students. Secretary Rubio claims to have revoked hundreds of visas and this week ordered that consulates repurpose the term 'terrorist' to block many student (F,M and J) visas. Visiting students have long been a key part of our universities. As a student the new viewpoints were educational. As teacher many of the most interesting questions come from visa holders - improving the class for everyone. For administrators they pay more. After graduation some stay and help drive our dynamic start-up community while others leave and build connections to the rest of the world. We attract some of the world's best - they have other options. Your actions are clearly disrupting lives (perhaps such sadism is your goal?) but they also accelerate America's decline.

Please assure me that you will welcome foreign students.

My pride in the US derives in part from our top notch universities.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson