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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for free speech.

Fear is rapidly growing as masked federal enforcers snatch students off the street and into inaccessible private prisons in distant jurisdictions. These places are notorious for abuse and neglect of prisoners from forced labor to denial of medical care while the arrests are without charges, oversight or any means of appeal. We are left to guess what might have brought the attention of ICE. Perhaps a tattoo, signing a letter in the school paper or visiting an afternoon protest. Speech is also being punished at the border with visitors and even residents denied entry apparently based on opinionated posts. Finally there is institutional level suppression with Columbia and Harvard weakening departments and censorship at the Kennedy Center and Smithsonian museums.

Please assure me that you will respect the constitution.

My pride in the US derives in part from our bill of rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson