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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about autocracy.

After a couple weeks of rumors ICE and the IRS have reported a memorandum of understanding. This apparently means that the century of privacy guaranteed for tax information is now ending and your rogue internal enforcement group ICE now has access to our tax records. Combined with an extra ten thousand ice deputies, arbitrary suspension of visas over the past few weeks by Secretary Rubio (as of yesterday at least a dozen here at UC Davis) and Justice Robert's endorsement yesterday of using war powers for extraordinary rendition based on ancestry anyone who has filed taxes since they last moved has become a potential target. What is known about these ICE units is a mandate of arrest quotas and as the case of Mr Garcia on which Justice Roberts was ruling makes clear: mistakes will be made - and encouraged.

Please assure me that you will protect tax privacy.

My pride in the US derives in part from our civil rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson