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Dear Governor Newsom:

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I am concerned about the federal regime.

Your leadership role gives you a higher vantage from which to call out the escalating destructive lawlessness. The litany is long and the need for both administrative pushback and mass resistance clear. In violation of human rights there are kidnappings by ICE, renditions to El Salvador, arbitrary revocations of status and imprisonments without charge or habeas opportunities. In violation of faithful execution of laws there are the destruction of USAID, mass firings of federal workers and termination of diversity programs. In violation of recketeering law there are the threats to funding, to accessing federal sites and even of pressing federal charges used to threaten universities, school districts, law firms, states, local governments and individual leaders of same.

Please support and join me protesting these abuses in the streets. My pride in the US derives in part from the power of the people.

Sincerely, Eric Babson