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Dear Candidate,

Salutations. My name is Ava Nordren and I am the Vice president of the Triple A party (or the Association Against Animosity). I am writing to you today concerning certain policies that we have yet to put into place as a nation, but ones that are extremely important to the well being of our nation. These policies are regarding situations occurring at the United States border. Over the past few years, immigrants especially those from Mexico have been demonized and thought of by some as drug dealers and criminals. This was endorsed by the former president causing it to really take hold. Due to this there was a harsh response at the border and more strategies were put into place, However these new strategies have been much more harmful than helpful for everyone involved. What is occurring is a mass deportation and detention of immigrant individuals. One of the most troubling aspects of this process is that separating children and families has been greatly encouraged. All an agency has to do is simply state they believe the

parent might be a danger to the child, and it is as simple as that sadly. The previous administration believed that this was the only way to encourage immigrants to “stay out”. But in reality this is invoking suffering on individuals only seeking asylum. It harms families and is truly un-American. This is also taking up federal funds that could be used in other important areas such as combating climate change. Though this situation does look grim, if we create certain policies, we can end this harmful behavior. The policies that I propose are as follows...

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), must have certain regulations protecting the rights of immigrant families and especially minors. For example, parents should not be separated from children unless it is proven they are guilty of drug trafficking or other gang behavior in a court of law. This will make family separation much harder. Another policy that should be put into place is facility evaluations. A government official should be doing routine checks on facilities and verify that the health and safety of immigrants is being taken into account. For example healthcare and niceties should be met. No more of the “kids in cages”. Yet another policy should be put into place that allows immigrants to seek asylum in a more simple fashion. Border security should be expected to give aid and help to immigrants to allow them to become citizens, not trained in promoting violence against these individuals. If these policies are created in the future, we will be stopping one of our country's greatest evils. We must end this hate at the border and give aid rather than hand out violence. I hope you can consider these policies and join me in the fight against injustice at our nation's border.

Sincerely,

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