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## **Sympathy Over Tyranny**

Dear People of America,

I write to all the people who live in the United States of America, to let you all know the injustice and inequality that Immigrants receive in this country. To tell you that the president of this country and his allies are a system of tyranny to these immigrants. I may only be a nineteen-year-old in college, studying engineering but I know myself that it takes one voice to make a change. I'm a child of two immigrant parents from Mexico and lucky for them they were able to make and live their American dream. When I was little my parents always told me that school is my only work, I was able to have a free public school, free lunch, free transportation, free medical attention, and much more. My parents had none of that, they came here for a better life for me and a smaller sister I have, for them to make a new life here and create a family. The people in power in our government are trying to pervert incoming immigrants from many spanish speaking countries this right for them to make an American dream to start a new life just because they see them as less superior to them.

One way the president of the United States was trying to do this was through the census of this year he didn't want immigrants to be counted even though the census is supposed to count everyone by law in order for their states to get more funds by the federal government, meaning even less more opportunities for people who are not citizens of the US and could end up affecting citizens as well. In the article "Federal Court Rejects Trump's Order to Exclude Undocumented From Census." shows a way the president tried to exclude non-citizens from the census, by subtracting them from it, as well by losing funds for major states. In the article it states the following "Mr. Trump tried to scrap that process in July, telling the Commerce Department in a memorandum that the Census Bureau should produce two population counts — one the same as those taken every decade, and the other an estimate of the number of unauthorized immigrants living in each state. Subtracting the immigrant population from census totals would have excluded millions of people from the population counts used for reapportionment, reducing the number of House seats allotted to states with large immigrant populations like California and Texas. Those seats would have been redistributed to states with few unauthorized immigrants" (Wines). One way showing the world how a person who is supposed to run this country is trying to separate it from within the system. Trying to leave out immigrants out of such an important thing that is crucial to major states that need more funds to help their community. This is an outrage to many people, I would be counted but what about all the people who are non-citizens who work, and pay their taxes and not get a fair share. Think it as a salary raise yet your the most hardest worker barley get time to spend with loved ones make all these sacrifices to impress your boss, but at the end of the year someone else gets a raise for half of the work you did, just because he or she is the daughter or son of the head of the company.

Our government is funding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The reason why I mention this topic in this letter is because in detention centers doctors are removing reproductive organs of women without their consent. Which is just out of line those women will never have the chance to create a family here to ever have a child to care for them. Just imagine the feeling of having a right taken away from you like that, in a country where it's said to be the land of the free. To come from a place where you don't have rights and have the same kind of treatment here. In an article called "Allegations of Unwanted Ice Hysterectomies Recall Grim Time in US History." it states that a woman had awakened from a surgery to find out that her reproductive system. "The doctor told her that she had a cyst on her ovary and she agreed to a dilation and curettage (D&C) procedure, her lawyer said. But when she awoke from surgery, the doctor told her that one of her fallopian tubes had been removed – a procedure she is adamant she did not give consent for – and that as a result she may no longer be able to conceive naturally. At the time she was just 29. Her immigration attorney Vân Huynh, told the Guardian: "When she first learned about it, the way that she described it to me is that she was sitting in this wheelchair postoperative and the doctor's telling her that she may not be able to conceive children in the future and it was very upsetting for her. She was sobbing in this wheelchair, not understanding why this was happening" (Miranda). The fact the government can allow this to happen is unbelievable. This government is preventing women from having a family. It is horrifying to see something so special to a woman taken away from here. This should not happen to any human being. Something so important to a woman I asked a sister of mine how she would feel if that ever happened to her, and she said it would send chills down her spine as it all was taken from her. I want everyone to think how this could end up affecting the mental state of a

woman and her loved ones, planning a whole future with the kids you wish you had and all of a sudden all of those dreams taken away in a couple of hours.

Once again touching the topic again on ICE the president had it clear that he wants no immigrants in this country, enforcing more and more ICE agents in sanctuary states to immigrants with criminal background he says. What the people don't know is the community of these states are frightened by this threat by the president. They are scared to be accidentally detained and get separated by their families. Their children are scared to be separated from their parents. I personally was scared, many of our immigrant parents made a big sacrifice by leaving their home countries by themselves and leaving everything and everyone they knew behind. They left their parents behind, they left siblings behind, which was hard and heart breaking for them, and for them to happen to them again is awful. In an article I was able to find online called "Flood the Streets!: ICE Targets Sanctuary Cities With Increased Surveillance." It shows how ICE frightens the immigrant community and how the government wants to deport people they say are people with criminal background but the immigrant community would differ on that statement. A quote I got from the article called "Allegations of Unwanted Ice Hysterectomies Recall Grim Time in US History" shows exactly how they show up to peoples houses to try to intimidate them "The Trump administration and cities that refuse to help with deportations, including Boston, New York, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, New Orleans and Newar ... In the Bronx, a local resident on Tuesday took a photo through a peephole of an ICE officer in military-style fatigues carrying an assault rifle on the other side of an apartment door. The resident shared it with Jorge Muñiz, an organizer who is part of a local ICE watch group, and it was then shared widely on the internet, raising alarm" (Dickerson, Kanno-Youngs, Correal). This is alarming to the immigrant community agents showing up to

people's homes with assault rifles in hand, knowing their life can be in danger, can be separated from their loved ones. No family in this country or world should feel this kind of fear in their own house and workplace.

To all the American people there is a change you can all make in your own little way, it can be as simple as voting. A lot of these immigrant families and people need justice for all the injustice they have had to put up through for months or even years. We are not alone; this country is made up of immigrants and refugees don't let the tyranny of this government make you feel alone or scared to stand up for what's right. Don't let that pride of being white or thinking you're superior to other races get In the way of what human rights are. I want everyone to acknowledge the type of people we have in our government and just how cruel they could be if they've divided the country into a country that has the word united. We are all human beings. At the end of the day we live under the same constitution, and rights as humans make this country united once more. On my behalf of the immigrant community and the fight for equality I saw all humans are created equal.

Sincerely,

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