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Honesty is needed as a basis for policies. Almost all would agree that there has been a problem at our border and many people have entered the country illegally and have stayed for years. Almost all would agree that crime and gang violence are not good. However, the public has been subject to logical fallacies. Some of the logical leaps are not valid such as the prisons and mental hospitals of the world are emptying because the inmates are all coming here and Venezuelans are really bad people. People have been picked up without due cause or due process. It is one thing to secure our border now. It is another whole issue to pick up people who have been living here peacefully, working and paying taxes. The whole issue of need for deportation has not been based on honesty.

It is reported in the press that Trump would like to see the National Guards help people round up immigrants. History is being rewritten, science is being politically edited, and speech is being punished. What is happening is extremely dangerous. We need sound immigration policy, sound anti-crime policy but we need it based on our Constitution's respect for all people and their right to due process. Please work to support truth, our Constitution, justice and mercy. Support these bills to seek to achieve due process.

Sincerely,

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