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Mrs. Trump
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Trump:

In reply to your recent inquiry, posed on the back of your jacket on June 21, 2018, please know that, *Yes, Melania*, I do care. I wish to assure you that I care very much.

I care about the continued separation of immigrant children from their parents, and find the alternative proposition, that they can be detained together with their parents indefinitely, equally egregious, cruel and inhumane;

I care about the impact of your husband's daily excesses of crass incivility and the mounting evidence of fascism he is promoting in our country;

I care about the chilling effect of your husband's Nuremberg-style rallies;

I care about your husband's unabashed pandering to the world's dictators who abuse and torture their own people, while at the same time he systematically abandons ridicules and insults our nation's own long standing allies. I care that he does not seem to understand that leaders of democracies can still respect those with whom they disagree;

I care about global warming and the EPA's reductions in standards and regulations intended to aid in the protection of our environment for the benefit of us all;

I care about a woman's right to manage her own reproductive care without government interference;

I care about freedom of the press, indeed a pillar of our democracy, and find your husband's constant criticism of the press, especially in light of the recent shooting deaths of five journalists, profoundly disturbing;

I care about thoughtful world diplomacy, not threats or pandering;

I care about your husband's ill-conceived trade war and fear for our future economic stability;

I care about medical research and believe that we have a social responsibility to provide health care for all. It is beyond appalling how your husband has recently bragged about gutting health care programs in our country;

I care about your husband's appointment of cabinet secretaries who were clearly intended to weaken, if not dismantle, the departments to which they were appointed, not the least of which are the Departments of State, Education, Energy, and Health and Human services; and

I care about, and am deeply disturbed by, your husband's daily abrogation of truth, respect and ethics and his apparent need and desire to constantly fuel hatred and distrust rather than courtesy and respect between the peoples of our nation.

You have said clearly that you *don't* care. You emphasized your dispassionate feelings in an offensive, arrogant and cynical manner on the back of your jacket as you ventured off to Texas where cruelty and depravity reign supreme with the separation of immigrant children seeking asylum in our country with their parents. I sincerely wish that you *did* care and that you could bring a more thoughtful and compassionate influence to bear on your husband. I fear for the state of our nation and hope that you and your husband will decide to model better behavior for all of us, even if only for the sake of your own son.

Sincerely,



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