

Dear Mr. President,

The pressure to please the people and to remain as popular as possible, or to lead by doing what is right, not only for now, but also the future, must be enormous.

This present generation is a "me first" generation. To state the obvious, we are used to getting our way. We have gotten used to the "good times" where we can do what we want, when we want, without asking anyone.

Like spoiled children, if you give us what we want, we will be happy. Ignore us, and your personal approval ratings will plummet! That's just the way we think! We expect our leaders to fall under pressure and give in to our demands.

In light of that, we have a strange request for you. We are asking that you lead us by doing what is right, not only for now, but for the sake of the future. That means that you must lead us rather than pleasing us.

Do what is right regardless of our whining and complaining. Do what is right regardless of what we think is fair and not fair.

We want to be good, responsible citizens. The best way you can help us to do that is not to bail us out every time we get into trouble. Hold individuals responsible for their responsibility! If they are the problem, they should be the solution.

Finally, we are asking that when you surround yourself with your cabinet and advisors before you take office in January, consider a basic principle of leadership found in the story of Pharaoh and Joseph in Genesis 41 and 47. Be willing to ask counsel and advice from people that you may not agree with. Who knows? God may be willing to bless you with a Joseph!

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizens of the United States