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### The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

### U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

## An Open Letter to Stephen Miller

**FROM:** Vincent Cordova | The Office of the President-Elect of the United States of America

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Our current direction and the root issues we face together

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Stephen,

I am not writing this letter to attack you.

I am writing it because I believe you are capable of hearing what I am about to say — and because I think, somewhere beneath the career you have built and the apparatus you have become, you already know most of it.

I am writing it because you are a human being.

And so is every person your policies have touched.

That is the beginning and the end of everything I want to say to you.

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### What Your Education Did to You

You are one of the most educated men in American government.

You arrived at Duke University with a sharp mind, a hunger for ideas, and a platform that rewarded provocation over reflection. You studied political science — the theory of



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power — and you were never once required to sit across from someone whose life your theories would govern and ask them what they needed.

You were never required to prove that you understood the human cost of the frameworks you were learning to apply.

You were never asked to demonstrate that the people on the other side of your policy positions were your species.

And so you built a career without that foundation.

I do not say this to excuse you. You are an adult. You made choices. You continue to make them.

But I want to be honest about what was missing — because what was missing from your education is missing from the education of almost everyone in the rooms where decisions about American lives are made. And that absence is not a personal failure. It is a structural one.

The system that produced you produced them too.

The difference is that you became one of the most effective implementers of policy in a generation. Your intelligence is not in question. Your capability is not in question.

What is in question is what that intelligence and capability have been aimed at.

And whether it is aiming in a direction that is actually helping the people you believe you are serving.

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## **We Are the Same People**

Here is what I want you to sit with.



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The family separated at the southern border — the mother who has not held her child in two years, the father who does not know where his son was taken — they are the same species as your family.

They feel the same things your family feels.

Their grief is not smaller than your grief would be.

Their love for their children is not less real than your love for yours.

The veteran sleeping under a bridge in Phoenix tonight — the one who served the country you have dedicated your career to defending — he is the same species as you.

He does not sleep on concrete because he is less deserving than you.

He sleeps there because the systems you and your predecessors designed and maintained chose not to prevent it.

The undocumented worker who has lived in the same American town for twenty years, paid taxes, raised children who are American citizens, coached little league, attended church, buried neighbors — he is the same species as your neighbors.

His removal from that community does not make America safer.

It makes America smaller.

It makes us less than what we are capable of being.

I am not asking you to abandon your principles.

I am asking you to look at the outcomes your principles are producing — and ask honestly whether those outcomes are what you intended, and whether they are making the country stronger or tearing it apart from the inside.



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## The Direction You Are Going

Stephen, the direction you are going is not going to bring us together.

I want to say that plainly — not as a political opponent, but as an American who is watching what is happening to this country and believes that you, with your intelligence and your access and your influence, have a responsibility to reckon with it.

Division is not strength.

It has never been strength.

A nation that turns on its own people — that defines belonging so narrowly that millions of human beings who have built their lives here are made to feel like threats — is not a nation that is getting stronger.

It is a nation that is consuming itself.

And the people being consumed are your people too.

They are Americans. They are workers. They are parents. They are the human infrastructure of the country you say you love.

When you design policy that separates children from parents, you are not protecting America.

You are teaching America's children — including children who look like you, who were born here, who will grow up to run this country — that human beings can be sorted, discarded, and removed based on where they came from.

That is not a lesson that stays contained to one group.

That lesson spreads.

It teaches the next generation of Americans that human worth is conditional.



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That belonging is revocable.

That the person next to you might be the next one to be sorted out.

That is not the country that survives.

That is the country that fractures.

And the fracturing has already started.

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## **What Your Policies Are Actually Doing**

I want to be specific, because specificity is what this moment requires.

The family separation policy did not deter migration in any measurable, sustained way.

What it did was separate more than 5,000 children from their parents. Children as young as eight months old. Placed in facilities. Many never reunited with their families.

Those children are growing up right now.

They carry what was done to them.

And what was done to them was done in the name of the American people — which means it was done in your name and in mine.

I reject it in my name.

And I am asking you to reckon with it in yours.

The mass deportation of people who have lived here for decades — people embedded in communities, in schools, in local economies — does not restore order.

It destroys community.



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It tells every immigrant in America, documented or not, that their presence here is always provisional, always subject to sudden erasure, always dependent on the political winds.

That kind of fear does not produce the strong, unified country you say you want.

It produces a population that cannot fully participate in the life of the nation because they do not know if they will still be here tomorrow.

That is not strength.

That is a wound we are inflicting on ourselves.

And here is the truth that I think you know, even if you have not said it out loud:

The problems that drive people to cross a border without documentation — the poverty, the violence, the absence of opportunity — are not solved by removing the people.

They are solved by addressing the conditions.

Your education gave you the intelligence to know that.

Your career has not required you to act on it.

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## **The Root**

Stephen, you and I both know that the problems this country faces are not caused by the people at the bottom.

They are not caused by the undocumented worker.

They are not caused by the refugee.



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They are not caused by the person who crossed a border in desperation because the alternative was worse.

The problems this country faces were built by systems.

Systems designed, funded, maintained, and defended by people with credentials and access and power — people like you and people like the ones who trained you.

The homelessness crisis was not created by homeless people.

The wage crisis was not created by workers.

The fracturing of American civic life was not created by the communities being torn apart.

These are outcomes produced by policy decisions made at the top, by the most educated people in the country, over decades.

You are part of that system.

So am I, in the sense that I live inside it and have benefited from it in ways I am still reckoning with.

The question is not whether the system exists.

The question is whether we are willing to look at what it produces and decide to build something different.

I have decided.

I am asking you to consider the same.

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## What I Am Building



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I want you to know what the alternative looks like — because I am not writing this letter to score points or to use your name as a target.

I am writing it because I genuinely believe that a man of your intelligence, confronted honestly with what the current direction is producing, is capable of asking harder questions than the ones your career has required you to ask so far.

The Cordova 2028 campaign is building a complete policy framework — legislation, executive orders, and a national education policy — designed to address the root system that produced both of us and every leader currently in power.

At the center of that framework is a simple conviction:

We are one species.

Every policy that forgets that — every framework that requires us to sort human beings into the ones who matter and the ones who don't — is a framework that weakens the country it claims to protect.

We are not made stronger by our divisions.

We are made stronger by our capacity to hold together across them.

That is not weakness.

That is the only thing that has ever made a civilization last.

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## **The Question I Am Leaving You With**

You are a smart man, Stephen.

You know the history.



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You know what happens to nations that turn their intelligence toward exclusion rather than inclusion, toward fear rather than capacity, toward the removal of the different rather than the integration of the whole.

They do not become great.

They become brittle. And brittle things break.

I am asking you — not as a political opponent, not as a candidate positioning himself against your record, but as a fellow American who shares the same species as every person your policies have affected — to ask yourself one honest question:

Is what you are building bringing us together?

Not in theory. Not in the abstract framework of national security or immigration enforcement or cultural preservation.

In reality.

Is the country more unified today than it was before the policies you designed were implemented?

Are the communities stronger?

Are the people — all the people, including the ones most affected by your decisions — more secure, more stable, more capable of contributing to the country you love?

If the answer is yes, make that case. Show the evidence. I will listen.

But if the answer, in the honest part of you that exists beneath the career and the apparatus and the decades of ideological commitment — if the honest answer is no —

Then I am asking you to do what your education never required you to do.

To sit with that. To feel the weight of it.



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And to consider whether the intelligence and capability you have spent your entire career applying in one direction might produce something entirely different — something that actually holds this country together — if you aimed it somewhere else.

We are the same species, Stephen.

All of us.

Every family separated at a border.

Every veteran sleeping outside.

Every worker who cannot afford rent.

Every child growing up in a country that is learning to see human beings as problems to be sorted rather than people to be served.

All of us. The same.

That is the only foundation on which anything worth building can stand.

I hope you will think about it.

**Vincent Cordova**  
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