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To begin, I like to share this statements in the Quran with you.

Quran, verse 49:13 (surant I. hujurant, meaning the dwellings)

English Translation: By Yusuf Ali

O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise (each other). Verily the most honored of you in the sight of Allah(God) is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah (God) has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).

Also, it was said that according to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the one who denies a wayfarer (A traveler) his surplus ... is one of three persons at whom God will not look on the Day of Judgment.

As Salam Alykum all (Peace be upon all of you)

My name is Sadat Abiri,

I am a first-generation immigrant from Nigeria and I came here 38yrs ago. My first job in this country was in housekeeping in a hotel. Today, I am a Nurse practitioner, not a criminal; I have 4 children who are highly successful not criminals.

My story is the same as most immigrants in this country. We take any job to survive and work our way towards the American dream and we make our fair contribution to this country and not take away from it.

I am so very sadden by the current political and hateful atmosphere.

Separating children from their parent and locking them in cages is an extreme moral failure of any country, especially this great country I now call my home.

Contrarily to what the president is saying about immigrants bringing crimes, majority of research continues to show that communities where immigrants settles are among the lowest crime areas in the country.

Let's bring it close to home, here in Madison, Bayview town house has become one of the lowest crime neighborhood in Madison, especially given that it is a government subsidize apartment complex. I was a resident at Bayview and it is home to many immigrants. I still call it my home.

Comment on the Supreme Court recent ruling.

The Supreme Court decision to uphold the racist act of the president ban on predominantly Muslim nations from coming to this country is a blow to my gut and is disgraceful. It shakes one's faith in the justice system. It should send chills to all because of what or who may be next if we don't stand united against this political atmosphere.