An open letter to Jared Kushner, from your NYU law school classmates

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We, your classmates from NYU School of Law’s Class of 2007, have serious concerns regarding Mr. Trump’s stated priorities and policy proposals. We have never known you to be anything less than intelligent and thoughtful. You have donated incredibly generously to the Law School that nurtured and educated us all.

We appeal to you, the grandchild of Holocaust survivors, to use your deep
sense of compassion to influence the Trump Administration in a positive way. Tens of thousands of Syrian children — children no different than your grandmother, whose lives have been marred by a war they did not choose — rely on your sense of compassion. Undocumented persons who contribute mightily to the wealth and fabric of our great nation rely on your sense of compassion. Women and the LGBTQ community, groups which are understandably fearful given Mr. Pence’s abysmal record on reproductive justice and anti-discrimination laws, rely on your sense of compassion. People of color, vexed by the alt-right’s enthusiastic embrace of Mr. Trump’s candidacy, rely on your sense of compassion. The national parks, forests, and monuments, priceless treasures of our Republic — they cannot speak, but they, too, need a compassionate advocate in the White House.

Jared, you, a member of a historically despised religious minority, have enjoyed a first-class education and unparalleled privilege in this inestimable country. Please exercise your power and your incredible access to ensure that members of other historically despised groups have an opportunity to enjoy some of the same privileges that have been extended to you.

Respectfully,

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