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Dear Senator Harris,

I am very concerned by excessive sentences. The overreaction to crime in the late 80's continues to haunt us in the form of disproportionate sentences and excessive incarceration. The effects on our society have been terrible- particularly for minorities- with lives destroyed, families torn apart and job prospects eliminated. This effect is even visible in the bimodal income growth for blacks over the past 40 years in the US. Attorney General Sessions is working to increase sentences and ravage our society. This makes the need for congressional action to blunt these effects clear. The past two legislative sessions have seen bipartisan interest in reform and some on the Senate judiciary committee are discussing another bill.

Please assure me that you will work to reform sentencing.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian rule of law.

Sincerely, Eric Babson