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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about irresponsible data usage. Regulations have not kept pace with the decades of rapid growth in computer use. There are serious issues with monopolization, under-compensation of contractors, company secrecy and extremely lax security. The 2004 data loss by AOL and the apparently minimal repercussions for the board seems to have ushered in an era where it is easier to ask forgiveness than to invest in effective security. Breaches involving medical, financial, personal and (famously) political data have been widely reported. Identity theft based on such breaches has been rapidly increasing. Just this week there was a huge loss of financial data with no serious expected repercussions for Equifax as well as revelation of illegal ad sales to Russia after adamant denials from Facebook. There has been some piecemeal legislative response mostly generating reporting rules. It is time for serious regulation of this gigantic industry.

Please assure me that you will work toward protecting consumer data.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our responsible government.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson