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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about violence. Sadly, you are becoming practiced in responding publicly to mass shootings with recent attacks in Orlando, Washington, London and now Las Vegas as well as thousands of individual attacks. This epidemic of gun violence has been reasonably well documented, despite a federal ban on funding such research. Unfortunately, the recent trend has been toward easier gun access making the recent uptick in violent crime particularly frightening. This also creates an environment in which police must react more quickly with deadly force, leading to more errors. While young officers have attitudes close to their communities, their more experienced chiefs tend to support gun control. Your advocacy and collaboration with Democrats could have a significant impact.

Please assure me that you will move to control guns.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson