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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about education. The US has the worlds best university system and a strong tradition of free universal public education but there has long been a problem with uniformity between public schools and with access to the universities. Both congress and the Department of Education are acting to make these problems worse. Secretary DeVos has refused to enforce rules to protect people from scam schools. So far 18 states have sued over this. Congress has put various measures damaging to education in the two versions of the tax bill now being conferenced. Public education will suffer from the loss of the state and local tax deduction as it is traditionally funded locally. Higher education would also suffer from the loss of the college loan interest deduction and the move to tax tuition waivers. Equal access to education has created the worlds strongest economy and its loss will weaken our country.

*Please assure me that you will support access to education.*

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our strong egalitarian education system.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson