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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the loss of the middle class. Since the depression our society and economy have enjoyed a healthy middle class. Many people could afford health care and an education as well as food and housing. People could focus on jobs or chasing a dream or a clever business idea. People could try out new products and keep a variety of healthy markets going. Today things are making this impossible for an increasing number of people. Union membership has dropped dramatically due to right to work laws and contractor designations. This has left people more vulnerable to abusive employers and arbitrary firing. The past year has seen several changes to the affordable care act resulting in less coverage for middle class people not insured through their employers. The low income supports are still in place but the exchanges are becoming too expensive for others to use. The tax bill you just signed does nothing for the middle class and makes education less accessible. As countries like China increase their middle class we are moving closer to a third world model of only haves and have nots.

Please assure me that you will help the middle class.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian society

Sincerely, Eric Babson