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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about spending priorities. A society is best judged by the way it treats its weakest members. In recent decades a part of that work has fallen to federal government programs but more needs to be done. This has not been enough to prevent homelessness, starvation and extreme poverty in this country, but it has gone a long way to reduce these problems. Your budget blueprint appears to be a direct attempt to give as much of the public's money as possible to the cool wealthy people you are trying to impress... much like your tax bill. The deficit suggestions are irresponsible, the military outlays incompatible with your supposed plan to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and your social service cuts would destroy our society.

Please assure me that you will work to expand social programs.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our social welfare structure.

Sincerely, Eric Babson