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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about wages. Half a century ago the middle class was large and relatively well off but today wealth distribution is much more unequal and the trend is continuing. This hurts society by preventing people from getting the education and social safety net needed to reach their potential, leaving instead the incompetent offspring of the wealthy trying to run things. Much of this decline can be attributed to the destruction of trade unions which keep wages competitive and help defend against capricious moves by management. In the 50s a third of workers were in unions, while today it is only one in fifteen with the largest remaining unions being public. These have had the protection of the Abood decision since 1977 and has kept this sector as a source of good middle class jobs and an island of competence. Attorney General Sessions has reversed the earlier federal position and filed an anti-union brief in the Janus case now before the supreme court. Such an outcome will weaken the country.

Please assure me that you will back public unions.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson