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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about tax evasion. The American dream is belied by the growing wealth gap which you appear bent on trying to increase both by enriching the rich and by impoverishing the poor. At the wealthy end there is the budget reconciliation bill which handed hundreds of billions of dollars annually to the wealthiest even when they pay their taxes in full. You also proposed large cuts to the IRS so that failing to pay those taxes will be even less risky. A recent analysis by Zucman et. al. of the 2016 Panama papers release suggests that while middle income people tend to underpay taxes by about five percent, those worth over a hundred million pay on average only three quarters of what they owe at a cost to our government of a hundred billion dollars a year. This week the NYT released a story detailing that you and your father didn't bother to pay even that much. New York state claims to be pursuing this criminality but the federal government should be acting as well. Penalizing tax evasion at the top would begin to pay for this Republican tax boondoggle.

*Please assure me that you will pay your taxes.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from the rule of law.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson