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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about white nationalists with guns. The shootings this week in Odessa and last month in Gilroy, Dayton and El Paso have yet again focused attention on US exceptionalism around mass shootings and gun deaths. While the CDC remains barred from studying the problem the few studies that are reported suggest that almost any gun restriction helps - such as the long lapsed ones on assault rifles. Republicans appear uninterested in the well-being of American residents, glorifying white nationalist propaganda, downplaying the threats and casting about for scapegoats with gays, mental health, video games and immigrants rotating through the role. Unfortunately, Democrats have also been tactically reluctant to attack the NRA. At the same time domestic terrorism has been treated much less seriously than threats from abroad leading to recent warnings from the FBI. San Francisco this week brought these together in symbolically declaring the NRA a terror group but federal action is essential.

*Please assure me that you will move to ban guns and domestic terror groups.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson