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Dear Mr President:

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I am concerned about privacy.

Vast troves of personal information are held by both federal agencies and a few social media companies. Both are taking a cavalier view of privacy. This past month Mr Musk and a bunch of interns have been running around with your blessing breaking into various federal data bases. Apple, Amazon and Facebook have all been fined for lying about their privacy policies. Google this week embraced building weapons and surveillance systems. All have recently given you money and embraced your DEI policies. At the same time you are threatening one minority group or perceived enemy after another. Together there is frightening potential to exploit personal data for repression.

Please assure me that you will protect privacy. My pride in the US derives in part from our freedom.

Most respectfully, Eric Babson