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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Washington DC.

Those living in the city have lacked federal representation for centuries and paid federal tax most of that time rankling residents who have voted overwhelmingly for statehood. Their current government has administrative responsibility but not financial control leaving them at the mercy of national political winds with federal Republicans blocking needle exchange programs, criminal justice reform and abortion funding among other meddling. Your decimation of the federal work force this year is also particularly disruptive there leaving the city to respond with their hands tied. Rather than supporting the needed autonomy you threatened yesterday more interference with a federal takeover.

Please assure me that you will usher in Washington DC as the 51st state.

My pride in the US derives in part from our representative government.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson