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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by plans to reduce federal investigations of police departments. This policy was recently announced by the Justice Department and will reduce public confidence in police. Most police take pride in their work but this is easier when there are not a few undermining them. The recent Justice Department reports involving Ferguson, Chicago and Baltimore have all exposed such problems and are a first step toward greater public confidence, the resulting improved morale among police and ultimately safer cities.

Please assure me that you will work to use federal oversight to improve local policing.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson