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Dear Senator Harris:

I am very concerned about foreign aid reductions. The world is in the midst of the worst refugee crisis of my lifetime and the current US administration has been working to reduce our aid both through a misguided abortion rule and such drastic proposed cuts to several agencies that their aid budgets would surely suffer. The US foreign aid budget has long been an unreasonably small percentage of our budget. The few billion spent annually (less than the value of the deal Mr Kushner appears to be getting from the Chinese right now) do, however, seem to be well spent, providing food and health assistance to those in desperate need. Such leadership also encourages other countries and foundations to help. I am pleased to see in a NYT editorial that there is bipartisan interest in maintaining this aid and increasing its effectiveness.

Please assure me that you will work to keep US aid fighting disease and starvation.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson