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Dear Senator Harris:

I am worried about trade policy. Today when I travel most international development projects appear to be associated with China. The current administration in the US is wildly unpredictable, but does seem to be trending toward nonengagement with outside economies. This trend is also apparent in Democratic praise for protectionism and opposition to trade pacts. Trade policy leadership is needed in the senate today since the traditional presidential role has been largely abdicated. While closing borders may yield short term advantages to some sectors it seems like a poor long term strategy. I greatly enjoy the economic and intellectual excitement of our lively international economy and worry that it is being allowed to slip away.

Please assure me that you will keep the long view in trade policy.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson