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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by decaying infrastructure. There was a time when the US had the worlds most advanced and effective infrastructure: trains, roads and bridges which were the envy of the world. This heralded huge economic growth. The past several decades have seen those structures decay, their communities outgrow them and many new technologies pass them by. Today a trip to Northern Europe, Japan or China is a reminder of how effective infrastructure can be. These places have also seen huge social and economic benefits.

You campaigned on a platform of infrastructure spending. So far you have only taken steps backward. You suddenly cut train electrification funding here in the San Francisco area. You asked congress to cut billions more from projects around the country. You ignored the proposal put together by Senate Democrats. You threatened vague cuts to sanctuary areas. You have acted so slowly and incoherently as to hurt long term planning and weaken the country.

Please assure me that you will work to improve infrastructure.

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson