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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by environmental damage. Between London's choking air of the 1800's, burning rivers, lost kiwis, epidemics and changing climate people have long had unfortunate effects on our own living conditions. This is due partly to ignorance and partly to a difference between public and personal costs. Science has made huge strides in reducing this ignorance. Governments have made significant inroads in adjusting personal costs. EPA Administrator Pruitt is working to destroy both. There is discussion of a broad attack on climate science to sow ignorance. You have attacked the Paris accord. You have significantly reduced the effectiveness of the EPA by changing regulations which aligned business interests with those of the public. You have attacked the latest trends in energy (wind and solar) for no obvious reason. While cleaning things up is often possible (eg the superfund or the Boston harbor cleanup) these are slow and very expensive compared to simple prevention. Your short-sighted changes will weaken this country for decades to come.

Please assure me that you will consider the effects of your actions.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson