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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about international trade. Protectionism has characterized US trade policy at a few points in the past and appears to be where we are headed again. This seems very foolish in the current economy. Trade is central to many manufacturing sectors. A sudden shift will be disruptive to our economy. It will also reduce our influence over the direction of world trade. Our priorities, such as worker, environmental and intellectual property protections will be sidelined. This will be bad for the rest of the world and particularly bad for American companies selling elsewhere. Bush's ill fated steel tariffs are a good tutorial. This administration appears completely irrational, while even some Republican senators appear to understand this. It is time for the Senate to reclaim direct trade policy control.

*Please assure me that you will wrest trade policy from the executive.*

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

s Sincerely,  
Eric Babson