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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about international trade. Protectionism has at times been US policy and appears to be where we are headed again. This seems very foolish in the current economy. Trade is central to many manufacturing sectors and a sudden shift will be very disruptive as well as reducing our influence over 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 in foreign markets. Bush's ill fated steel tariffs are a good example. This administration appears completely irrational, while most Senators appear to understand this. It is time for the Senate to reclaim trade policy control either through legislation or litigation.

*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.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson