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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by incoherent federal foreign policy. Governors around the country are moving to establish foreign policy. This was clear at the recent Governors association meeting where foreign leaders had a higher profile than in the past. Much of the shift has been around trade agreements but environmental issues have also been prominent. This is a desperate response to the retreat from international leadership at the federal level since individual states have less bargaining power than would the national government. Pulling out of accords such as NAFTA or the climate agreement does not constitute policy so much as a lack of one.

*Please assure me that you will create and follow a coherent national trade policy.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson