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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about the debt limit. This is arbitrary government bookkeeping which should not influence policy. As a voter I should never have heard about a debt limit and hope never to hear of it again. As a minority party the Republicans tried to use it this way and damaged the US credit rating, hence the rate at which we could borrow and hence the number of useful government projects as well as inconveniencing a hundred million people with a shut down. The current administration is leaking its usual contradictory messages including an attempt to repeat this idiocy now from a majority position.

Please assure me that you will not consider or negotiate over tying the debt limit to policy.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson