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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by pollution. I remember when Denver and LA were so polluted that exercise was a health risk and the front page of the paper had the weather and the level of toxicity of the air. In Boston the biggest danger sailing on the Charles river was the pollution in the water. Syringes washed up on our beaches. In the decades since then the EPA has been remarkably effective in making our air and water usable again. This was done with carefully crafted regulations produced by a highly respected scientific staff and a reasonable level of enforcement. It is not perfect, as the disaster in Flint - a result of local officials evading federal regulations - brought home recently. Scott Pruitt has spent a career working to dismantle these regulations for the short term financial benefit of a few. This has been clearly documented through his poorly secured emails. He is now rapidly dismantling regulations without scientific input, trying to reduce his agencies funding and dialing back on enforcement. This destruction of the EPA will damage our country for decades to come.

Please assure me that you will protect our environment.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our government for the people.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson