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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about irresponsible data usage. Many companies make extensive use of computers but regulations have not kept pace with the decades of rapid growth. There are serious issues with monopolies, under-compensation of contractors, secrecy by companies and extremely lax security. The 2004 data loss by AOL and the appeared to have minimal repercussions for the company board, and apparently companies have since found that it is easier to ask forgiveness than to invest in effective security. Breaches involving, medical, financial, personal and (famously) political data have been widely reported. Identity theft based on such breaches has been rapidly increasing. Just this week there was a huge loss of financial data with no serious expected repercussions for Equifax as well as revelation of illegal ad sales to Russia after adamant denials from Facebook. There has been some piecemeal legislative response, typically focused on those abusing the data rather than the deeper pockets charged with protecting it. It is time to implement serious regulations on this gigantic industry.

Please assure me that you will work toward protecting consumer data.

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

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson