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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about irresponsible data usage. Regulations have not kept pace with the decades of rapid growth in computers. There are serious issues with monopolies, under-compensation of contractors, secrecy and extremely lax security. The 2004 data loss by AOL and the minimal repercussions for the board seem to have encouraged the attitude that it is easier to ask forgiveness than to invest in effective security. Breaches involving, medical, financial, personal and (famously) political data have brought an increase in identity theft. Just this week there was a huge loss of financial data with no serious expected repercussions for Equifax as well as revelations 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 those 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.

Sincerely, Eric Babson