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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about tax reform. The Senate has just passed a budget reconciliation bill with the aim of tax reform. The Republicans caucus has also made clear that their vision is a huge wealth transfer from those in need to those who are not. Tax reform could be a boon to our country. The past thirty years have seen many odd exceptions added. The rising wealth gap could be reflected in a rising contribution gap. I am sure you know a great deal about what could be done with the tax system but I worry that the Republican theatrics are seizing the narrative and that they will end up passing an extremely damaging bill. The Democrats must rile up the country again as you did with health insurance.

Please assure me that you will put forward a thoughtful tax reform proposal.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson