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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about violent crime. Sadly, your administration is becoming practiced in responding mass shootings with the recent attack in Las Vegas following on those in Orlando, Washington and London along with thousands of individual attacks. This epidemic of gun violence has been reasonably well documented, despite a federal ban on funding such studies. Unfortunately, the trend has been toward easier gun access making the recent uptick in violent crime particularly frightening. This also creates an environment in which police must react more quickly with deadly force, leading to more errors. While young officers have attitudes close to their communities, their more experienced chiefs tend to support gun control. Your advocacy could have a significant impact.

*Please assure me that you will move to control guns.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson