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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by kleptocracy. The tax bills currently being combined between the House and the Senate have the appearance of being direct gifts to you. This will reduce trust in the government and damage our country. The elimination of the inheritance tax will give many millions of dollars to your heirs. The carefully phrased reclassification of pass through entities - 500 of which you appear to be associated with - will again be a gift of many millions of dollars to yourself and your family. The removal of the alternative minimum tax will give millions more to you and your family. Even the carried interest loophole which you campaigned on closing remains to benefit you and your family. The real property exception in the like-kind exchange provision is yet another large gift to you and your family. It is difficult to fully understand the current bills due to the secrecy and haste in which they were written, but they appear designed for your personal profit.

Please assure me that you will focus on governing over theft.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson