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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about travel. Transportation of people and goods is easier today than ever before. A worldwide society and economy has blossomed as a result. Throughout history the rise and fall of such networks has corresponded with that of civilization. This also means that today I work with, visit and hire people from around the world. I use things whose manufacture spans the globe. This has noticeably accelerated scientific and commercial innovation even over just a few decades ago when east and west were more insular. A return to a more protectionist society and economy will come at great cost to both. You have canceled and stopped work on trade agreements, restricting travel for goods. You have restricted visa agreements and discouraged visitors through xenophobic bombast, restricting travel for people. This is encouraging reciprocity and weakening the country and the world.

Please assure me that you will support international connections.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our history as a crossroads to the world.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson