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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned by drug abuse. The opioid crisis is officially a national emergency but more needs to be done. This is the worst drug problem of a generation. There must be more funding for treatment. There must be more awareness of overprescription among doctors. There must be more enforcement against traffickers. This includes both groups doing end distribution and groups such as McKesson doing initial distribution. The DEA has built strong cases but federal prosecutors with congressional encouragement have failed to press charges. Prosecutors from cities and states, even a tribal government are stepping up but a federal case would be more effective. Thank you for your previous support. The opioid crisis requires focused federal leadership and right now that means congress.

Please assure me that you will address this epidemic.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson