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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the world economy. Chinese influence is rapidly expanding from its four year old road and belt initiative investing in infrastructure in its traditional Asian sphere of influence out into Africa, Europe and now South America. This huge expansion in investment is putting the Chinese communist party in control of the economic future of the world. This was clearly illustrated by the scene in Davos this week with Chinese and Brazilian officials dealing while the United States tried to explain a policy of retrenchment. Traveling in rapidly expanding countries like Nepal, Iran and Ethiopia the Chinese footprint is everywhere. Unless the US gets back in the game North America will return to its early 19th century backwater status.

Please assure me that you will expand on your predecessor's initiatives.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson