April 10, 2018 Eric Babson babson@math.ucdavis.edu 1094 Cragmont Avenue Berkeley CA, 94708

## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about isolation. Trade wars will hurt international cooperation and investment. The past twenty years have seen a big increase in international business. This trend has been supported by government policies such as the Euro zone, NAFTA and the WTO. The effects have included opening markets to Chinese manufacturing and US produce and a host of ventures involving groups here and overseas. This can be frustrating for people if their group moves to Germany or frequent meetings occur in Seoul but mostly it creates more opportunities with a focus on the latest techniques and ideas. Rather than trying to catch up with other groups one can simply join up with them. In the bay area this has created an exciting start-up culture with the successes changing lives around the world. International trade will continue with or without the US.

Please assure me that you will keep America relevant.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our innovative business climate.

Sincerely, Eric Babson