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Dear Senator Harris,

I am concerned about drug prices. While this country has many of the best doctors, hospitals and drug labs health care is faltering as outlined in Alston's UN report on poverty in the US and underlined by by a Hepatitis A travel advisory for Kentucky and Michigan. The president has once again underwhelmed with his long awaited drug pricing scheme fitting well with his general attack on the poor. The arbitrary power to price life-saving treatments handed to companies granted a patent monopoly badly distorts drug pricing with occasional egregious outliers making news. Deals are sometimes worked out between drug companies and other governments with high poverty rates but a backup threat is needed for this to work. Here congress can act quickly without reopening the insurance debate through the once popular 1498 patent version of eminent domain. Several Senators and the Louisiana Governor have already suggested reviving its use.

Please assure me that you will act to reduce drug prices for the poor.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our health system.

s Sincerely,  
Eric Babson