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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about privacy. With the rise of the giants- Alphabet, Microsoft, Facebook, Amazon- the US has moved much closer to Orwell's vision of a surveillance society than he managed to imagine. These deep pockets have been rewarded with very beneficial federal policies. Security has been very loosely regulated with egregious violations such as that of Equifax resulting in minimal penalties. The neutrality rules for using the internet the government built have now been scrapped making it even easier to squeeze out smaller companies. The greatest violation of consumers though is the lack of privacy. Although these companies are US based it was Europe that a year ago finally got their act together and created a privacy rule and just this week France has levied the first fine against Google. As a heavy twitter user with a strong interest in keeping certain secrets you are one of many with much at stake.

*Please assure me that you will police the internet.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our government for the people.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson