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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about terrorism. Attacks on people based purely on who they are (race, immigration status, sexuality, religion, language or politics) are particularly damaging to society. Perpetrators become hateful, possible victims fearful and those of us who stand by helpless. The Southern Poverty Law Center has been tracking such groups for decades and this week's report finds more of them than ever before with a shift in emphasis toward white nationalists. The FBI similarly reports a growing number of hate crimes and Mr Sutton's editorial along with the arrests of Messers Hasson and Sayoc are further reminders. The SPLC identifies the President with his extremist rhetoric and hires as a significant factor in this rise. It also calls out weak regulation of online hate speech. Congress managed to modify section 320 reducing online sex with some ambivalence on your part. The much more serious threats of political interference and terrorist recruitment should be regulated next.

*Please assure me that you will reign in online extremism.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson