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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Puerto Rico. The territory is home to three million Americans but is a world apart with a lower average income and higher poverty rate than any state, no (voting) representation in Washington, no access to such programs as the ACA and continuing disruption from last year's devastating hurricane. With its size and the rapidly changing climate, the US sees many disasters and normally there is a range of federal help including money to help rebuild but with the current gridlock you and congress have not passed an aid bill this year. Besides Puerto Rico this is affecting us here in California and several midwestern states. Shockingly, the hold up appears to your violently opposition to helping anyone in Puerto Rico. You have been lobbying congress with inflated numbers and rage tweeting against the territory specifically. This fiasco emphasizes the need for fewer Republicans and Puerto Rican statehood.

Please assure me that you will ensure the recovery of Puerto Rico.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson