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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about deregulation. Regulations are not newsworthy except when they fail but there are many such examples from the 2008 financial collapse through the fires PG&E has started here in California and the water fiasco in Flint to the recent airplane and stroller crashes. In each case the regulatory changes led to conditions in which disasters were more likely but there is still some unpredictable period before they actually strike. You have focused your administration on only a few policies with broad deregulation among them. Like climate change policies, deregulation can benefit a few people immediately while hurting a great many down the road. Your approach has been to stop any regulation you can with little analysis of consequences. This includes your two to one order which has stopped regulation of emerging technologies, rule delays, arbitrary restrictions on how threats can be analyzed and drastically cutting back regulatory agency operations. The result is chaotic and will set the stage for many future disasters.

Please assure me that you will regulate rationally.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson