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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about trade. Your penchant for addressing every problem with a tariff is becoming a running joke. At this point there are trade battles with at least Europe, Canada, China and Mexico. While the effects on the economy may be modest these sudden shifts do make planning difficult and leave such industries as farming and car manufacture reeling. The timing of yesterday's surprise Mexican fee change seems particularly odd given your move on Wednesday to push the rewrite of NAFTA toward an expedited House vote. The resulting impression is one of nearly incoherent governance. With no discernible strategy you fritter away US bargaining power and leave people simply hunkering down to weather the storm.

Please assure me that you will formulate a trade policy.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson