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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about self determination. The millions of Americans living in Puerto Rico and Washington D.C. have the dubious distinction of lacking a state government. Both areas (like your federal administration) have seen serious corruption scandals and both have been the victims of direct governance by a people interested in scoring political points for elections elsewhere. In 2017 in DC Congress decided to meddle directly in gun policy and drug policy while in Puerto Rico the ongoing economic crisis was worsened by a major hurricane which killed thousands and decimated infrastructure but without federal representation disaster relief has been slow and minimal. Both places need both the autonomy from and stake in federal government that statehood provides.

Please assure me that you will back statehood for Puerto Rico and Washington DC.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson