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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about data security. Since 2013 when Yahoo lost three billion people's records to hacking wikipedia lists another sixteen failures to protect batches of at least 100 million records with ten in the past two years and poor data protection a frequently listed cause. The common feature has been a lack of repercussions for those who decided not to pay for data security. Mr Fairbank of Capitol One for instance has sincerely apologized for last month's data loss rather than find himself in custody. A particularly telling example is the Equifax case which began the recent trend and whose current settlement leaves compromised customers possibly (but mostly not) eligible for up to 125 dollars. At this point there is neither a comprehensive data security law nor a single enforcement entity. As the trade in private customer information comes to dominate much of silicon valley it is time to put teeth into enforcement.

*Please assure me that you will work to ensure data security.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson