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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about housing. The growing US wealth gap is nowhere more obvious than in California. Combined with our fraying safety net people are losing such basic aspects of human dignity as health care and housing and recent reports find the problem rapidly increasing. The situation here in Berkeley is leaving many people with very few options and has been exacerbated by failures at all levels of government. Last week this issue apparently came to your attention again as it did back in June when you expressed concern for the unattractiveness of people stuck out on the streets. Unfortunately your past actions have uniformly increased the problem. First is your repulsive and destructive vendetta against immigrants leaving people with inadequate food and healthcare as well as housing. This you follow up with proposed budgets slashing support for these same three essentials and eliminating the office trying to coordinate a response. Helpful suggestions abound from Mr Yang's guaranteed income to California's SB50, a more rational minimum wage or stronger rent control. It is a coherent plan that is missing and would be your obvious role.

**Please assure me that you will act to coordinate support for the homeless.**

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson