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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about oil extraction. The US is the world's largest producer after a decade of rapid growth but regulations have not kept pace. The changing climate demands a reduction of emissions but cars are polluting more in most cities even per capita and burning off or simply releasing gas from oil wells is also on the rise. Carbon needs to be taxed with the IMF finding that more than thirty times the current level will be needed within a decade to avoid the two degree mark for warming. Releases need to be regulated with current levels clearly high but not even reliably reported. Drilling needs to be regulated to make sure pipeline infrastructure fits with production and the impact of spills such as deep horizon is minimized. Storage needs to be regulated more in line with refineries to avoid such tank explosions as the one I saw in Crockett this week. Three years ago people spoke of the drop in the price of renewables obviating the need for regulation. They were clearly wrong.

Please assure me that you will regulate oil.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson