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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about privacy. Being tracked by ads and listened in on by personal assistants is annoying; election meddling a la Cambridge Analytica, opaque hiring and sentencing algorithms and leaked financial information are worse; this week's charges against two Twitter employees for helping the Saudis track political foes are terrifying. Large troves of personal information have been around now for decades and it is time to stop trusting their owners to do the right thing and provide significant regulatory guidance. Several blueprints are now available including the year old European GDPR, the soon to be implemented Californian AB 375, bill outlines floated by Senators Wyden and Klobuchar and Representative Schatz and even the vague and weak federal NTIA suggestions and yesterday's DOJ threats by Mr Delrahim. Weak responses to serious data leaks have led to a lax corporate culture despite the availability of the types of strong security being lavished on crypto-currencies.

Please assure me that you will enforce data privacy.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson