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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for federalism. America is greatest when local, state and national governments work together. You have made a habit of attacking regions of the country both rhetorically and through policy. Puerto Ricans suffered from repeated moves to block or delay relief funds. Sanctuary jurisdictions have faced repeated threats. Students are dealing with threats to school funds and expanded lunch programs. Portlanders are dealing with violence from your disastrous DHS troop deployment against the will of every local official and ensuing support for vigilantes styling themselves on these troops. Fire relief funds have been threatened here and yesterday you issued a memo threatening vaguely defined anarchist jurisdictions.

Please assure me that you will govern for all of America.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson