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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about poverty. Depressed wages and gutted social programs - particularly for children and immigrants - have made poverty a serious domestic issue. Our failure with COVID has made thing worse but the early rescue bills, while far from perfect, managed to help. Those have expired and while some jobs have returned poverty is rising sharply again. This was suggested by the huge demand at food banks and need to curb evictions but it has now been verified directly. Tracking poverty requires detailed census data and fixing it expanded social programs. The opposition are vicious but they are also desperate. Now is the time to help before eleven weeks of Republican lame duck scorched earth.

Please assure me that you will support another COVID relief bill.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson