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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about frozen government.

In under a week your administration has frozen federal grants and loans as well as foreign assistance programs. Your orders are vague with differing claims coming from various officials, a partial temporary court block and a (partial?) recindment. Such freezes are both obviously illegal and disrupt millions of lives with some programs better able to withstand such instability than others. Confusion over what might immediately stop is being reported across the board from Meals on Wheels and Head Start to research universities and a wide range of health, housing and public safety programs run by cities, states and nonprofits. Chapter 11 and ignoring obligations may have worked with a flailing family business but I worry about the fallout from applying it to the US government.

Please assure me that you will honor US obligations.

My pride in the US derives partly from our reliable government.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson