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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about safety.

The loss of federal agencies will make the world more dangerous. Many are only noticeable when there is a disaster or after some time for problems to accumulate. Consider the EPA, FAA, FEMA, CFPB, NIH and DOD. All have saved many lives and tend to remain largely invisible when things are going well. All work to mitigate extreme, unpredictable or long term dangers to minorities. Private institutions focused on earnings statements and a competitive advantage cater better to the minor immediate wants of majorities. Even where a private structure might work better such a transition should be planned. Please assure me that you will rehire our federal workforce.

My pride in the US derives in part from our rationality.

Most respectfully, Eric Babson