March 24, 2025 Eric Babson babson@math.ucdavis.edu 1094 Cragmont Avenue Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Mr President:

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I am concerned about protection.

Your rackets are becoming rapidly more brazen. On the eve of the election Mr Bezos' tanking of the Washington Post and its endorsement of Harris appeared to be buying your favor. Mr Zuckerberg suspended your accounts after you incited a riot. His 25 million dollar mea culpa after dining with you was even more suspicious. Your attempts at mineral deals with Zelenskyy in the Ukraine and Tshisekedi in the DRC at least had ostensibly independent third parties instigating the violence. Prof Armstrong brought Columbia to your heel after six percent of their operating budget was very publicly threatened and with Mr Karp's capitulation to your explicit threats against Paul, Weiss et. al. all pretense is gone.

Please assure me that you will avoid recketeering. My pride in the US derives in part from the rule of law.

Sincerely, Eric Babson