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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about governmental inaction. Republican obstructionism over the past decade along with their currently partisan agenda has shifted effective power toward the president. The current president is no leader. This is leaving the government rudderless. Immigration policy is probably the clearest example, with the last major congressional action almost 30 years old the president has nearly arbitrary power. Trade and military policies are another example in which presidential power is nearly absolute. Todays appallingly vicious eight word attack on the lives of 800,000 Americans is a particularly clear example, though the change in ICE enforcement rules, the muslim ban, the withdrawal from the Paris accord, the noises about the Iran agreement and the coddling of Russian state interests all point to a failure of federal governance. It seems to be time for congress to step up and act more forcefully, at least in cases of bipartisan agreement.

Please assure me that you will work toward stronger congressional powers.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our responsible government.

s Sincerely, Eric Babson