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Dear Senator Harris,

I am concerned about the supreme court. It has been 28 months since Justice Garland was nominated and Senator McConnell seized control of our confirmation system. In that time dozens of frightening people have been hired to the federal benches including Justice Gorsuch who has proven every bit as destructive as many feared. Just this week the court announced a string of Gorsuch backed split decisions such as another blow to unions with Janus, a shredding of religious freedoms with Hawaii, another attack on choice with NIFLA, a contempt for consumers with AmEx, a pass on gerrymandering with Perez, a restriction of voting rights with Husted and a blow to habeas corpus with Jennings. The country would be much better off leaving this historically divided bench at eight so that Appeals decisions can stand until at least a 5-3 decision is possible.

Please remind Senator McConnell of his precedent and wait for the midterm elections.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson