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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about stealth judges. The courts command enough respect to be obeyed not through a police force but by maintaining a impartial reputation. This has been tested before but never so sorely as in the past few years. First there was the shut down of Judge Garland's nomination. Then there was your deference to the hyper-partisan and private Federalist Society for nominations. Now Judge Kavanaugh has been nominated after a career in highly political positions such as drafting the Starr report and as Staff Secretary to President Bush. This looks terrible, but at least there is a paper trail for the Senate to consider. Unfortunately, you are breaking one norm after another to keep these documents hidden - from the use of a partisan hack to vet the Bush library documents and hiding many documents through classification to the last minute document dump and the use of executive privilege to hide many more. Together with the extremely rushed process this looks very much like the passage of the budget reconciliation tax bill and weakens the Supreme Court.

Please assure me that you will withdraw the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from the independent judiciary.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson