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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about abortion access. For decades the courts have been a conservative and principled force in US politics with a strong deference to precedent, minimal response to popular pressure and a meritocracy of jurists. This has led many of us to take this for granted and not worry much about issues covered by the courts. Now this is deteriorating with a raft of unqualified hacks being appointed and important precedents threatened. These include the previous stolen election with Bush vs Gore, the evisceration of the Voting Rights Act, the reinterpretation of the militia clause, the reimagination of campaign finance, the weakening of the ACA and now threats to abortion rights. Our history of strongarming women into bearing unwanted children is recent enough for the resulting damage to be well documented.

Please assure me that you will support legislating abortion rights and start to nominate qualified jurists.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our respect for individual rights.

Sincerely, Eric Babson