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Dear Senator Padilla:

I am concerned about a coup.

Thank you for insisting on answers from Secretary Noem. The indiscriminant attacks she has pursued via ICE on immigrants are a travesty. Their use for sadistic entertainment with her posing at a prison in El Salvador and to goad us into a response to justify wildly disproportionate military action are particularly troubling. Attacks by this administration on other government officials are increasing. From dog whistle prompts to their followers producing a surge of threats against officials around the country to simply ignoring preogatives of courts and legislators and finally physical assaults such as the arrests of Judge Dugan, Mayor Baraka and yesterday yourself.

Please assure me that you will continue to hold this administration to account.

My pride in the US derives in part from our democracy.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson