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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about autocracy.

Information silos are an essential part of maintaining a free society in the face of today's computers and the vast troves of personal information held by various federal offices such as the IRS, SSA, passport offices, medicaid and SNAP. President Biden worked to strengthen these protections while you signed an order to weaken them. The thugs at ICE have been making frightening inroads with the IRS. In April the two signed a memo of understanding but this past week Commissioner Long explained that he did not take that to mean handing around all previously well guarded private information (including your own). Hours later he was fired. Our loss of privacy is another blow to democracy.

Please assure me that you will protect personal data.

My pride in the US derives in part from our civil rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson