

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0506

September 17, 2018

Eric Bobson
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Dear Eric,

Thank you for contacting me about our nation's judicial system. As the former Attorney General of California and a current member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I care deeply about ensuring equal justice for every American.


I know firsthand the importance of the nation's judiciary. As a beneficiary of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that desegregated our nation's schools, I have personally witnessed the power of the courts to transform our lives. That is why I take my constitutional responsibility to provide advice and consent on judicial nominations very seriously.

The courts have immense influence over critical issues facing our nation, including civil rights, environmental protection, women's reproductive health, and workers' rights. The path that our country pursues depends on the judges on the bench, and we must make sure judges uphold the ideals upon which our country was founded.

I recognize that America draws strength from its reliance on the rule of law and the integrity of an independent judiciary. While the judicial system has made tremendous strides in civil rights, criminal justice reform, and more, there is still much work to be done. More than ever, the values of justice and equality must be vigilantly defended. As your senator, I will evaluate judicial nominees based on my commitment to protect the rights of every Californian and ensure that "Equal Justice Under Law" is a reality for all.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553.

Sincerely,



Kamala D. Harris
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December 11, 2017

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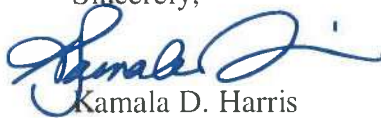
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Additionally, the President is asking taxpayers to foot the bill for an unnecessary border wall that could cost nearly \$70 billion by some estimates. Rather than wasting such massive sums of money on a misguided campaign promise, we should be making smart investments in technology and upgrading our outdated ports of entry to keep our country secure and our economy moving.

When I took the oath of office as a United States Senator, I vowed to fight for the ideals of our nation and protect California communities. In the wake of the President's Muslim ban, reports flooded in of refugees, Green Card holders, and even United States citizens, held for long periods of time and denied access to volunteer lawyers. That's why, as my first piece of legislation in the United States Senate, I introduced the *Access to Counsel Act* to ensure that individuals detained, whether at a border crossing or a port of entry, be guaranteed access to legal counsel. As a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs committee, I will continue to ask questions, push for greater transparency and advocate against an immigration policy that undermines our values, safety and security.

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Dear Eric,

Thank you for writing to share your views with me about telecommunications. Broadband Internet networks that serve consumers play a critical role in California and throughout the world. California is the most interconnected state in the country and is home to many of its most significant innovators.

Telecommunications companies provide services that Californians rely upon daily. These networks connect friends and loved ones, connect businesses to customers, connect students to learning, and connect us to the latest news from around the world. And, right now, companies are innovating to develop even more powerful services to connect consumers – including connecting devices to each other through the Internet of Things – in exciting new ways that were not imaginable just a few years ago.

I am committed to creating an environment where innovators can flourish and where consumer protections remain top of mind as technology advances. Telecommunications companies store enormous amounts of data from their customers, including email, financial records, Internet browsing history, and health records. Companies have a responsibility to ensure that these data are well protected and shielded from unauthorized disclosure.

For these reasons, I voted against a Senate resolution (S.J. Res. 34) in March 2017 that repealed a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule giving consumers privacy protections against the sale or use of your data without your permission. The rule would have placed reasonable requirements on Internet service providers (ISPs), including telecommunications companies, to seek permission from consumers before collecting sensitive information and to require them to implement security protections to protect consumer data. This was a common-sense rule that should have been maintained. I was disheartened that a majority of my Senate colleagues voted for the resolution and the president signed it into law.

Nevertheless, I will continue to work to make sure both innovation and consumer protection thrive in the telecommunications sector. As your Senator, I will continue to reach across the aisle and work with all members of the Senate to help make progress on this goal.

Again, thank you for reaching out to share your views with me. I invite you to visit my website www.harris.senate.gov or call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553 should you have any further questions.

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September 20, 2019

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me with your views on our immigration system.

In my career as a prosecutor in California, I saw the full spectrum of criminal offenses. I know what a crime looks like. And despite the Trump administration's rhetoric vilifying immigrants as criminals, I can tell you that being an immigrant is not a crime.

The Trump administration has pursued immigration policies based on fear rather than facts and threatened core American values in the process. It has cruelly separated thousands of children from their parents who are seeking asylum at the border, fostering long-term trauma for these children, and then attempted to use the resulting crisis to seek the indefinite detention of immigrant families. It has broken a promise to thousands of young Dreamers and callously held them hostage to its pursuit of an untenable, extreme, and costly immigration legislative agenda. It has indiscriminately expanded immigration enforcement within American communities, failing to distinguish Dreamers and other hardworking individuals with no criminal backgrounds from actual public safety threats. This has torn families apart, harmed our economy, and created a culture of fear that has reduced the willingness of community members to report crimes and serve as witnesses, endangering public safety for everyone.

As a member of the Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees, I have and will continue to work tirelessly to hold the Trump administration accountable for these and other immigration policies and practices that harm our communities and threaten our nation's global humanitarian leadership. I have pressed administration officials to preserve the unity of families and to protect the rights of vulnerable populations. My first bill in the U.S. Senate was the *Access to Counsel Act*, which would ensure that anyone detained at our borders has access to voluntary legal counsel. I have also introduced the *DONE Act*, which would promote cost-effective alternatives to immigration detention and ensure robust oversight of immigration detention facilities, which have been plagued by poor conditions. I introduced the *REUNITE Act*, which would prohibit the inhumane practice of separating families at the border and prevent the indefinite detention of immigrant families.

I believe that Congress needs to pass comprehensive immigration reform that genuinely enhances public safety, grows our economy, and provides a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who are currently contributing to and enriching our state and nation. This is why I am a proud cosponsor of the *DREAM Act*, which would provide a path to citizenship for young people brought to this country as children who contribute \$11 billion to California's economy every year. This is also why I am a proud cosponsor of the *Agricultural Worker Program Act*,

which would help stabilize our nation's agricultural workforce by providing a path to citizenship for workers harvesting California's crops.

Our immigration system is broken and outdated. I will continue to push Congress to reform the system. We need immigration policies that meet the needs of our economy, families, workers, and security.

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April 10, 2019

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for writing about United States' foreign policy. We live in an interconnected world, where events in other countries invariably are felt in this country. I share your concern about American moral leadership in the world; we must lead with our values and defend the principles of freedom, democracy, and human rights.

Our nation's foreign policy impacts every Californian and, therefore, must be focused on fostering diplomatic alliances, safeguarding human rights, and protecting the American people. I am committed to combating terrorism, strengthening cybersecurity, fighting climate change, responding to the global refugee crisis, and taking other measures to make our country and world more secure.

Thank you for staying engaged with these critical issues and considering the effect of our foreign policy abroad and here at home. As a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I will continue to approach my foreign policy work with a focus on its impact to every Californian, American, and members of our global community.

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me to voice your concerns about the workings of our government and the state of our nation. The importance of civic involvement cannot be overstated, and it is an honor to serve as your United States Senator. I have heard your concerns, and my legislative work will continue to be guided by the needs of constituents like you.

Each and every American has the right to education, public safety, and health care. I have dedicated my time in the Senate fighting for the most vulnerable among us and defending the inalienable rights guaranteed by our Constitution. I have introduced legislation to bring common-sense back to our immigration system including the *Access to Counsel Act*, which would ensure that anyone detained at our borders has access to voluntary legal counsel, and the *LIFT the Middle Class Act*, which would provide middle class and working families with a tax credit to address the rising cost of living. I have introduced legislation to make our economy work for everyone including the *Fairness for Farmworkers Act*, which would end the discriminatory rule denying overtime pay for farmworkers, and the bipartisan *EMPOWER Act*, which increases accountability surrounding workplace sexual harassment that disproportionately affects women by prohibiting non-disclosure and non-disparagement clauses as conditions of employment. I also cosponsored important legislation that would allow anyone to enroll in Medicare and make college tuition free. And still, I know our work has just begun.

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November 21, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me to voice your concern regarding the United States' military support for a Saudi-led coalition operating against Houthi rebels in Yemen. What began as infighting among various centers of Yemeni political power has evolved into a proxy war between the Saudi-led coalition and Iran. I am deeply troubled by the moral and legal implications of U.S. involvement in the region, and will work to ensure that the U.S. upholds the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights abroad.

As the conflict enters its fifth year, the scale of humanitarian devastation in Yemen cannot be understated. On August 2018, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights recognized the killing of over 6,500 civilians and the wounding of almost 10,500 in Yemen. Recent estimates indicate that out of a total population of 30 million people, approximately 22.2 million Yemeni people require some form of humanitarian assistance, including food relief, health services, sanitation and water monitoring, and housing and protection measures. Both the European Union as well as the Secretary of the United Nations have referred to the on-going crisis as the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe.

The United States must not abdicate its moral leadership in the world. I voted multiple times in support of a resolution which would effectively prohibit U.S. forces from engaging in specific hostilities in Yemen within 30 days until Congress passes an Authorization for the Use of Military Force. As your senator and a member of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, I will continue to closely monitor the ongoing crisis in Yemen, and work towards peace and security in the region.

Thank you again for contacting me about this matter. I value your input and I will keep your comments in mind as I make future decisions. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553.

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