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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned to hear of journalists being unexpectedly barred from today's White house briefing. A free press is essential to the running of a representative democracy. The reporters barred today include writers for many of the outlets I rely on to keep up with what my government is doing.

Please assure me that you will work to keep your constituents informed.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from freedom of information.

Sincerely, Eric Babson