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Dear Mr President:

s I am very concerned by the integrity of federal offices. There seems to be a trend toward removing federal workers. This trend seems unfocused and likely to hobble the government's effectiveness. Most recently a new office withing the VA appears to make removal of career workers easier and with very little oversight. Earlier moves to freeze hiring and to remove all prosecutors have seemed similarly unfocused. There seems also to have been only slow work toward filling the many other midlevel political posts with confirmed staff. Taken together this will tend to degrade the effectiveness of federal government.

Please assure me that you will work toward a smoothly functioning administration.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our effective government.

Sincerely, Eric Babson