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Dear Senator Harris:

I am very concerned about warrant-less surveillance. I understand that the FISA program is ending with re-authorization under discussion in the Senate. This program has been used for very broad searches without much outside oversight. I worry that too little deference is shown to privacy rights. This creates a large opportunity for abuse. The current administration makes the need for checks between branches of government particularly clear. A clean re-authorization would abdicate to the Trump administration these checks by either congress or the judiciary. I would much prefer to see a system requiring warrants tailored to probable cause before such broad privacy violations are allowed.

Please assure me that you will seek significant new restrictions in any FISA re-authorization.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson