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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about federal job security. The federal government has long managed to hire many of the worlds best people. This has not been due to stellar pay, but is partly a self-reinforcing process with strong people drawn to a good groups doing interesting work and partly explained by good job security. The recently passed veterans affairs whistleblower bill S 1094 weakens those protections. A large organization is certain to have a few vindictive people and any organization answering to the public can be hurt by the news cycle of the day. A robust appeals process restricts the damage either of these can do. This is particularly true with an administration which appears to be trying to damage the government through a combination of attrition and arbitrary firings starting from the top.

Please assure me that you will defend career civil servants.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson