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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about governmental inaction. Republican obstructionism over the past decade along with their currently partisan agenda has
shifted effective power toward the president. The current president is no
leader and this is leaving the government rudderless. Immigration policy is
probably the clearest example, with the last major legislation thirty years
old the president has nearly arbitrary power but trade and military policies
are others. Last weeks appallingly vicious eight word attack on the lives
of nearly a million Americans is a particularly clear example, though the
change in ICE enforcement rules, the Muslim ban, the withdrawal from
the Paris accord, the noises about the Iran agreement and the coddling of
Russian state interests all point to a failure of federal governance. It seems
to be time for congress to step up and act more forcefully.

Please assure me that you will work toward stronger congressional powers.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson