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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by your meddling with the courts. For the past two centuries the the branches of the US government have remained fairly independent, an arrangement your contempt for the courts is undermining. You have threatened this balance by pressuring the Justice department to persecute political opponents, reportedly even threatening to fire the agency head over this issue. This follows on many other breaches. You have repeatedly commented on cases, such as the recent vehicular murders in New York where you speculated on motives and sentencing. You have also attacked justices personally who ruled against your orders or even companies. Your contempt for the courts also come across in the sloppy writing of your orders and the remarkable inexperience of your nominees. Our democratic system relies on the mutual respect and deference between branches of government even in the face of disagreement.

Please assure me that you will stop interfering with the courts.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson