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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned for federal workers. The US government is a large bureaucracy which has flaws but does things very well with many of the worlds best scientists at NOAA and the EPA, the best doctors at the VA, the best diplomats at State and the best investigators at the FBI. This success has been a long process, resulting from both interesting work and insulation from political winds in Washington. The current administration seems intent upon purging those who are not loyal with senior people leaving all of these agencies and blaming a newly politicized environment. A few months ago job security at the VA was weakened with S 1094 and it is not yet clear what effect this is having. It would be dangerous to extend these changes to other agencies now.

Please assure me that you will protect federal workers.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our effective federal agencies.

Eric Babson