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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about the courts. Our professional government is under siege. The State Department, EPA and CFPB have been decimated and the HUD and Education Departments perverted. Many positions are being filled with inexperienced ideologues such as Lynne Patton at HUD, Taylor Weyeneth for Drug Policy or Tillerson and DeVos at the cabinet level. While the damage these people cause may take many years to repair it is the courts that will be most lasting. Right now there are around 20 Appeals and 125 District vacancies with nominees for a third. These nominees are a disgrace with several judged not qualified by the ABA and most young ideologues with Matthew Petersen as posterboy. It seems that without a budget reconciliation rule the Senate is expected to do essentially nothing but confirmations or the next half year.

Please oppose all Trump nominees absent a deal for dreamers.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our protections against tyranny of the (legislative) majority.

s Sincerely, Eric Babson