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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about the courts. Our government is under siege. The State Department, EPA and CFPB have been eviscerated and the HUD and Education Departments perverted. Many inexperienced ideologues are being nominated such as Lynne Patton at HUD, Taylor Weyeneth for Drug Policy or Tillerson, Mnuchin and DeVos at the cabinet level or (worse) experienced ones such as Pruitt. 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 Appellate and 125 District vacancies with nominees for a third of them. These nominees are a disgrace with several judged not qualified by the ABA and most young reactionaries with Matthew Petersen as posterboy. It seems that without a budget reconciliation rule the Senate is expected to do essentially nothing but confirmations for the next half year.

Please assure me that you will 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.

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