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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about diplomacy. Yesterday this country abrogated the Iranian nuclear treaty. The president's reasons for this are anyone's guess and liable to change. The Senate is in the best position to challenge such unilateral action and make them more difficult in future. This president's specialty is breaking things, from the TPP and DACA to NAFTA, the ACA and the climate accord. Past presidents have been challenged over treaty powers such as President Bush over the ABM treaty and President Carter over the mutual defense treaty. Challenges have included court fights and the suggestion of clarifying legislation. The US has built the world's most powerful diplomatic corp allowing us to shape world politics for the past fifty years. Besides the immediate dangers of poor or vicious policies there is the long term harm of decimating and side-lining the state department while showing the US a faithless negotiator.

Please assure me that you will shift treaty powers toward congress.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our diplomatic power.

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson