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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about crying wolf over national security. Over the years congress and the courts have ceded nearly plenary powers to the presidency in cases of national security and while at times there has been some scrutiny of such claims the supreme court today signaled a complete abdication. Just because you can destroy things does not mean that you should. You have now cried national security for propping up expired coal plants, banning Muslim travelers, imposing arbitrary tariffs on our allies and signing the budget bill unread while completely ignoring the real security threats of arbitrary deportations, foreign collusion and ZTE. In each case you had no congressional backing. The escalating pace suggests a move toward rule by decree and weakening the country - something recent polls find most of us are worried about.

Please assure me that you will use national security only in good faith.

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

s Sincerely, Eric Babson