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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about the court. The US government is designed around an independent judiciary with vast power and no police force. Enforcement instead rests on the respect it demands of other governmental actors, a respect closely tied to its perceived impartiality. Growing up I believed in an impartial (if fallible) court but as the Republicans continue to seize power- through gerrymandering, the Bush-Gore and Citizen United decisions, the decimation of various executive departments and Sen McConnell's recent packing of the courts - I am losing faith. The latest nominee appears to continue down this partisan path and demands extreme vetting. First there is the role of moneyed interests (the Federalist society) in his selection, then there is the Garland precedent against appointments so close to an election and finally there is his extensive record. This record seems to include a frightening opposition to choice, a period of service in Mr Starr's partisan side-show, possible association with President Bush's torture program and most ominously an expansive view of Presidential powers at exactly the moment these should be reigned in.

Thank you for demanding a long and thorough vetting of Judge Kavanaugh.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson