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Dear Senator Feinstein:

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I am concerned about diplomacy. This country has become too reliant on the executive for all manner of foreign relations, from mutual defense treaties to war (police actions) with trade policy, banking, sanctions, and visa agreements in between. Obama's eminent reasonableness may have encouraged this trend but the world is now paying the price. The brazen kowtowing to Putin coming on the heels of attacks on NATO and the G7 is such an extreme example as to provide broad support for congressional action to shift this balance. Democrats should seize the moment and frame the conversation around regaining congressional oversight while also backing bipartisan moves such as the sanctions bill put forth by Senators Menendez and Graham.

Thank you for demanding sanctions against Russia.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson