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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about foreign relations. The US has become too reliant on the executive for all manner of foreign affairs, from mutual defense treaties to war (police actions) with trade and banking policy, sanctions, visa agreements and even asylum issues 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. This should include requiring Senate approval for abrogation of treaties such as full NATO membership and the agreement around Iran while also backing bipartisan moves such as the sanctions bill put forth by Senators Menendez and Graham and possibly establishment of a more neutral treaty authority all together.

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