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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about security clearance. Freedom to criticize the government is central to our system. This week you have added revoking security clearance to your litany of abuses, along with obstructions of justice, arbitrary firings, threats on twitter and regulating to help your businesses. Your comments around the case of Mr Brennan as well as Mr Clapper and the list read by Ms Sanders all make clear that you view these acts as a means of reciprocation against perceived critics rather than in any way related to national security. Even the rumors that you are considering sanctioning President Obama seem plausible. Such abuses make a mockery of our system and appear to be another obstruction of the Mueller investigation. By using the power of the government to exact revenge you move this country another step toward autocracy.

Please assure me that you will use security clearance for national security.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson