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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about Presidential power. You will soon return to a Congress only partly in the hands of autocrats but which has long been ceding power to the President. War powers are routinely assumed by the President by citing vague bills such as the 2001 Military Force Authorization. Another War Powers Act as in 1973 is needed. The near plenary control over immigration has been slowly increasing with various programs such as DACA and TPS directly under administrative control. Nothing recalibrating policy has passed since 1986 but there has been bipartisan support and with General Sessions now retired and Senator Sessions also retired now might be the chance. Many treaties have escape clauses which the administration can trigger. Compliance should be certified by a more independent entity along the lines of the Fed. I look forward to seeing how you proceed.

Please assure me that the House will be given as much power as possible.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson