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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about autocracy. Trying to prosecute political opponents by abuse of the Justice Department is frightening. This week it came out that you have been considering such illegal action against at least Clinton and Comey since 2016. This does have precedent: Governor Palin famously abused her office to pesecute Mr Wooten but much more ominous are the many places where this ability practically defines autocracy. One of the greatest successes of the US has been the dozens of peaceful transfers of power since its founding but jailing ones opponents makes this nearly impossible. Any hint that such political prosecutions have been under consideration would be a very reasonable target of congressional investigation two months from now.

Please assure me that you will respect political freedoms.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson