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## Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about rigged elections. You recently led a commission investigating vote irregularity. The federal courts have scaled back election oversight, allowing more corporate influence with Citizen's United and more suppression of minorities with Shelby. States have taken note with Texas, Georgia and North Carolina among others rapidly implementing tricks to reduce minority influence from gerrymandering and voter ID laws to broad purges of voter rolls. Georgia and North Carolina have taken this even further with the candidate in Georgia deciding which votes to count and campain workers in North Carolina casting multiple votes - riling even fellow commissioner Mr Kobach. Finally there are the moves in North Carolina (again) and now Michigan and Wisconsin to simply seize power from newly elected administrations. These subversions of democracy demand a federal response

Please assure me that you will safeguard democracy.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson