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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about autocracy. After taking your current position with the aid of a foreign power and even then falling millions of votes short of your opponent there are frightening suggestions being made to stifle challengers and move the country further from democracy. In May RNC member Evans called out the elimination of a primary debate panel as a move to help your nomination and South Carolina Republicans have been considering eliminating their primary to the same end. Yesterday RNC member Williams - in response to a mildly critical opinion piece - suggested tinkering with rule 40 about convention ballots once again to help your nomination. I worry that the immediate response to any challenge is to rig the rules rather than trying to address your own shortcomings.

Please assure me that you will respect our democracy.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson