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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about martial law. The federal government is under attack with nearly a million workers furloughed indefinitely, many federal posts left vacant for years and a continually changing cast of corrupt incompetents ostensibly in charge. So far the constitutional framework is holding together but I worry about your growing reliance on emergency powers. You have shown no reluctance to abuse such claims from your tariffs on Canada to your deployment of soldiers along the Rio Grande (all while showing reluctance to respond to actual emergencies such as the fires here in California and the hurricane in Puerto Rico). The unfortunate fact that you have remained out of prison after these abuses appears to have emboldened you to threaten today to call another false emergency in pursuit of your pet wall.

Please assure me that you will reserve emergency powers for emergencies.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson