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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about autocracy. The current administration has attacked our government, our system of government and our society. The federal work force has been attacked by freezing hiring, shifting power to political hacks, easing firing, reducing pay and now of course the lengthy shut down with hundreds of thousands of public servants forced to work without even unemployment benefits. Democracy has been attacked by colluding with Russia, supporting for autocrats while undermining alliances, pernicious judicial appointments, graft, perjury and attempting to suppress minority voting. Society has been attacked with arbitrary immigration sweeps and restrictions, suspension of police reforms and threats to personal liberties. This juvenile shut down fight (and needling by Speaker Pelosi) has at least moved the focus away from finding new ways to attack minorities, health care and the environment.

Please assure me that you will not reward this wall tantrum.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson