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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about congressional prerogative. Many bills, court decisions and precedents have ceded constitutional powers of congress to the executive. The current administration is proving the exact contours and needs to be restrained. From the first days in office the plenary power over immigration based on a mix of court actions and congressional inaction has been seriously abused to terrorize millions of US residents. Treaty abrogation powers have been interpreted to allow no oversight and the right to simply ignore Magnitzky Act requests from congress appears established. This week the power to declare fake emergencies is being tested with the 1983 Chadha ruling magnifying statutory power. At this point Democrats appear united and Republicans divided. I am curious to see whether congress can override a veto and explicitly reclaim some authority and also whether some court will assert review authority over clearly fraudulent abuses.

*Please assure me that the Senate will reclaim its co-equality.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson