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## Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about arbitrary persecution. The US constitution purports to separate the judiciary from congress and the executive and to grant rights of trial and habeas corpus to defendants. Yesterday the supreme court overturned a ninth circuit ruling and carved out a sweeping exception for immigrants. Justice Breyer was moved to dissent from the bench while the illegitimate Justice Kavanaugh called their ruling narrow. Indefinite detention is clearly cruel and unconstitutional particularly under the administrative umbrella where it is applied to those awaiting hearings. These are people accused of at most minor infractions and convicted only of offenses for which they have already served sentences. What appeal is available is largely to immigration authorities working for an administrative department with notoriously weak protections rather than to the courts. Representative Pelosi is now able to stop legislation. You must do everything possible to stop the unseemly packing of the courts with young, unqualified ideologues.

Please assure me that you will stop the corruption of our courts.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from the rule of law.

Sincerely, Eric Babson