

May 11, 2019  
Eric Babson  
babson@math.ucdavis.edu  
1094 Cragmont Avenue  
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about war. For decades congress has been shirking its constitutional power to declare war with the War Powers Act of 1973 the most recent reminder. Today we have a wildly unpredictable president and a history of unilateral military decisions. The attempt to provide oversight in Yemen has now been vetoed and ignored. Fortunately, this administration has so far avoided new wars but with the appointments of Secretary Pompeo and Mr Bolton there are now strong administration voices for violence and just this week there have been musings about possible intervention in the internal disaster ongoing in Venezuela and threatening movements of warships escalating the disaster we are causing in Iran. With the House locked in a constitutional battle over oversight and the president desperate for diversions now is the time to clarify the need for the Senate to sign off on any attack.

*Please assure me that the Senate will reassert its war powers.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson