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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about war. For decades congress has been shirking its constitutional powers with little resisitance to executive war decisions since the War Powers Act of 1973. Today we have a wildly unpredictable president facing oversight battles and desperate for diversions along with a history of unilateral military authority. 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.

Please assure me that Congress 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