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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about democracy. Voting rights may soon be in worse shape than at any time in fifty years. Extreme gerrymandering is now technically easier than ever with improved computing and detailed voting records and politically easier than ever with encouragement this week from the court and so much single party rule in states. The upcoming census will have everyone redistricting and the attempts to discourage Hispanic response with a citizenship question will further skew voting power. At the same time the Shelby decision has increased suppression of minority voting. With districts not competitive and voters discouraged the decisions shift to the more extreme and more easily manipulated primary contests. I fear the result will be rule by the party for the benefit of a minority as we saw in the USSR,<sup>x</sup> South Africa and Iraq.

*Please assure me that you will protect voting rights.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson