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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about fake news. As Mr Muller reminded the world today many of the elections which have brought autocrats to power around the world were influenced by Russian interference through social media and our approaching election is poised to be more rather than less susceptible to a wider array of bad actors. You have made clear that you are happy to have benefited from this collusion and have no plans to protect our system. In fact you are working to exacerbate the problem by attacking actual reporting, encouraging fake news traffickers at your recent social media summit and this week announced plans to get the Justice Department involved not to reign in the power of these companies as per Senator Warren's timely proposals but to threaten any which try to push back against the fake news assault.

Please assure me that you will defend our election system.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson