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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about autocracy. Republicans have packed the courts, used budget reconciliation rules to legislate, used gerrymandering to skew the legislature, declared fake emergencies and simply refused authorization to reallocate funds, obstructed investigations and blocked oversight by hiding taxes, translator's notes, testimony (through abuse of immunity) and now a whistleblower's report. The latest move involved another act of treason using another foreign government to subvert US democracy. It appears that the Ukrainian affair got started literally the day after the investigation of the Russian one ended suggesting that by largely ignoring Counsel Mueller's report Congress has encouraged this behavior and threatened our democracy. As Mr Weld points out the penalty for treason is death putting you in a good negotiating position.

Please assure me that you will use every avenue (impeachments, inherent contempt, censure, courts) to remove this cancerous government.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson