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## Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about a rigged trial. The US constitution provides for checks such as impeachment and for impartiality in trials with jury tampering a federal crime. Historically presidents and governors have bent over backward to avoid even the appearance of influencing any trial and particularly one in which they are involved. One attorney general has now been fired for refusing to interfere sufficiently and the tradition of not commenting on ongoing investigations has been frequently broken. Finally this impropriety has led to an impeachment of the President even after the investigation was obstructed by ordering witnesses not to testify. Now Senator McConnell has made a treasonous vow of total coordination with the defendant but you preside over the Senate.

Please assure me that you will oppose any sham trial.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson