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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about war. Yesterday we assassinated General Suleimani. I worry that we are moving closer to both political murder and war. You have ceded your constitutional war powers through a mix of open ended legislation and acquiescence in past abuses. Pawning off such emotionally fraught decisions where a single vote can define a career is clearly tempting and in the hands of a great statesman might make sense. The current president averages more than a dozen obvious lies a day, openly idolizes murderers for their murders, takes pride in being unpredictable, uninformed and bigoted and is constantly casting about for some new outrage to upstage his last. While the Senate has largely gone along to get along the few vetoes of this term have involved foreign policy blunders and war powers might have bipartisan appeal.

Please assure me that the Senate will reassert war powers.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson