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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about autocracy. You began with refusing to promise a concession had Ms Clinton won not only the popular but the electoral vote. Since then you have weakened oversight by refusing to comply with the ethics office, various inspectors general and congressional subpoenae and by leaving boards without a quorum while firing any (such as Messrs Comey, McCabe, Vindman (and his twin) and this week IG Atkinson) who treated their oaths of office as anything but ones of personal loyalty to you. You have abused emergency declarations for a wall, tariffs and now abrogation of asylum responsibilities. You have held lives ransom demanding favors of President Zelensky for emergency military aid and now of US governors for emergency medical equipment.

Please assure me that you will respect democracy.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson