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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about democracy. The antipathy of both elected and appointed Republicans toward voting has been clear for years including the Bush-Gore court ruling, moves to unregister voters (eg Kansas and Georgia), lifetime disenfranchisement after convictions (eg Florida) and a dozen voter id. laws. It has also been clear that Republican voters - indeed most voters - like democracy with initiatives supporting DMV registration, mail-in ballots and ex-felon enfranchisement all passing. This week the Republican justices ruled that Wisconsin's chaotic absentee balloting could not be extended. This amounts to removing the fig leaves usually proffered when suppressing votes and proclaiming that thousands of covid-19 deaths are an acceptable price to pay to steal even a minor election.

Please assure me that you will support universal suffrage in the form of balloting by mail.

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

*Sincerely,
Eric Babson*