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Dear Senator Harris:

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), disenfranchisement by conviction (eg Florida), a dozen voter id. laws and the Pence-Kobach commission. It has also been clear that voters - including Republican 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 for a (failed) chance to steal even a minor election.

Please assure me that you will make registration and mail balloting universal.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson