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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about rule by executive order. You started this job with a Muslim ban order and have frequently ordered new attacks on visitors with a report today of a plan to ban US citizens from returning from other places with COVID. You have also used emergency declarations and orders to redirect Congressionally allocated funds and this week tried to change tax and unemployment policies while mandating state spending again by order. These moves toward autocracy are terrifying but even if the weakened courts do stop your power grab the time required and associated diversion from negotiating legislation comes at a time when millions are facing imminent hunger and homelessness which may throw the country into years of social and economic upheaval.

Please assure me that you will immediately sign the House COVID bill.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson