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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about rule by executive order. This Presidency started with a Muslim ban order and has frequently ordered new attacks on visitors with near plenary immigration powers unchallenged by Congress. Emergency declarations and orders have been used to redirect Congressionally allocated funds and this week to change tax and unemployment policies while mandating state spending. These moves toward autocracy are terrifying but even if the weakened courts do stop this 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 guard Congressional powers.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson