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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about jurist prudence. The effectiveness of the courts' statutory review and constitutional arbitration rests in large part on a perception of impartiality. Decades of bipartisan confirmations, deference to precedent and lengthy opinions supporting decisions have been key contributors. The current Senate has almost given up on legislation and focused on narrow party line confirmations of strong partisans after cursory hearings. The jurist you congratulated your committee chair for ramming onto the court today is noted for arguing against precedent. The court has been rapidly expanding the use of emergency review resulting in decisions with significant political impact but no supporting written opinions. The independence of the courts is eroding.

Please assure me that you will reform the judiciary.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson