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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about the courts. 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 detailed opinions supporting decisions have been key contributors. The current Senate barely legislated and focused on narrow party line confirmations of strong partisans after cursory hearings. The jurist rammed onto the court yesterday is noted for arguing against stare decisis. The court has been rapidly expanding the use of emergency review resulting in decisions with significant political impact but no supporting written opinions. Togethr this is eroding the independence of the courts. As past prosecutor, current Judicial Committee member and future member of an administration committed to reform you are well positioned to fix the courts.

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