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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about judicial overreach. Our norm is one of deference to the supreme court to veto legislation. This is somewhat novel to the US and has worked fairly well as long as appointments have been bipartisan and the court has taken stare decisis and logical decisions seriously. Over the past decade appointments have become very partisan with the Federalist Society carrying more weight than the Bar Association and the Senate practically ignoring legislation in favor of packing the courts. Meanwhile the court has used transparently partisan arguments in cases involving gun laws, voting rights, campaign finance and health care and several justices have questioned the role of precedent. This week Justice Alito bragged of his intention to abuse his power and trample individual liberties around sexuality and abortion and the public good around COVID while decrying science and Senator Whitehorse's suggestion to reign him in. *Please assure me that you will weaken the supreme court*.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson