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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about obstruction. Republican members of congress now seem to specialize in preventing governance. This was particularly clear during President Obama's terms when Senator McConnell's proudest moment was not advising on the appointment of Justice Garland, most House votes were to repeal the ACA and budget negotiations turned into shutdown brinkmanship. Even in the majority the only major move cut revenue without debate while regulation became largely repealing existing rules and the Senate simply killed almost every bill from the House. Now only a week after the transition to President Biden began the GOP whining machine is ramping up with Senators Rubio, Blackburn and Cotton suggesting blocking the new cabinet. You have signaled an interest in retaining a role in the party.

Please assure me that you will encourage Senators to work with President Biden.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson