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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for civil servants. Getting people to work for the public was a problem Mr deToqueville foresaw with democracy but we had been doing pretty well building the worlds greatest diplomatic corps and applied science groups at NOAA and EPA. You quickly began eroding things, sidelining experts, moving offices and freezing hiring. Firing was simplified leading up to last months reclassification of thousands, many lost jobs based on arbitrary decisions of the likes of Mr McEntee and today a US prosecutors asked to jail Mr Clinesmith over a minor inaccuracy viewed as disloyal to you. Now government work is even becoming dangerous as you encourage violent attacks and people from Dr Fauci to Philadelphia City Commissioner Schmidt need security details.

Please assure me that you will support civil service.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our world class institutions.

Sincerely, Eric Babson