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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about theocracy. You and COVID have tested lines of authority as you work on a coup and the Fed and states try to work around a frozen Congress to respond to the horrific level of COVID deaths. The power of health officials to act has been challenged by individuals protesting, sheriffs refusing enforcement and churches and tribal governments claiming exceptions. The first amendment claims by churches pit the decisions of religious leaders against community safety and your DOJ along with six justices have been backing the churches setting a particularly dangerous precedent.

Please assure me that you will back health officials.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson