May 25, 2025 Eric Babson 1094 Cragmont Avenue Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am concerned about judicial security.

Thank you for cosponsoring the bill to transfer at least one security agency - the United States Marshals Service - out of the hands of our deranged President. Attorney General Bondi's control of the USMS which is tasked with protecting federal judges is an apparent weak point in the separation of powers. This administration has pulled protection from perceived opponents, generated a surge of threats against judges and their families and redirected the USMS to such political tasks as enforcing illegal DOGE access to records, pressuring judges in Jan 6 cases and terrorizing immigrants. Federal judges suggested shifting USMS control at their biannual Judicial Conference meeting in March. This President is politicizing every position he can hire and everything those people can threaten. Judgeships should not be among them.

Thank you for proposing judicial control of marshals.

My pride in the US derives in part from our independent courts.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson