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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about politicization of government. Monday you restarted a 2020 reclassification of federal workers then called schedule F. This could put tens of thousands of professional's jobs at the whim of political hacks such as McEntee, Musk, Kushner and Ramaswamy. For many this will force a shift from a focus on smooth functioning of the VA, IRS or NIH to stroking the egos of the new overseers. You appear to be trying to administer an organization with three million employees like a small family firm. After the civil war most federal jobs were political and hence corrupt and ineffective. The 1883 Pendleton act began a slow professionalization with the current structure outlined in 1978. Destroying this system will likely be much faster.

Please assure me that you will support professionals in government.
My pride in the US derives partly from our competent civil service.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson