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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about government censorship. FCC chair Carr has just reinstated political complaints against three networks over their election coverage similar to those filed at the behest of President Nixon in 1972. You have asserted a plan to directly control the FCC and to revoke broadcast licences at whim. You demanded Republicans kill the PRESS Act which would have protected reporters from government interference. You have threatened to jail journalists, called them 'enemies of the people', banned them from briefings and noted that you would not mind if they were shot. You even use the term censorship to describe basic accuracy checks rather than the chilling state control of content which your actions portend.

Please assure me that you will champion a free press.

My pride in the US derives partly from our first constitutional amendment.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson