February 8, 2025 Eric Babson 1094 Cragmont Avenue Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am concerned for democracy.

The new administration's wildly illegal and murderously destructive start demands that anyone with a chance of stopping this coup focus on doing so. Please do not simply proceed with senate confirmation business as usual approving some: Secretaries Rubio, Collins and Duffy while opposing the most remarkably loathsome. Your questioning of General Bondi was welcome but wild antics to keep us alarmed rather than resigned are in order. Perhaps a walk-out, loud protest, quorum calls or procedural slowdowns might at least get some headlines but there should certainly be unified opposition to any willing to work in this administration.

Please assure me that you will resist every act of this lawless regime. My pride in the US derives partly from our democracy.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson