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Dear Senator Padilla:

I am concerned about the budget.

The current administration has destroyed those agencies and stopped those expenditures which it opposes. This violates the Senate budget authority as reiterated in the 1974 Impound Control Act. With the first budget bill now passed marking the start of budget season this is not business as usual. It appears that any budget deals will simply be ignored and any appropriated funds spent to benefit the President. This could mean only funding loyal military and homeland security units or unblocking funds in return for bribes and flattery. Senator Murkowski claims to believe your objections to the administration's behavior can be kept separate from government funding votes to get Democratic support.

*Please assure me that you will prove her wrong.*

My pride in the US derives partly from our democracy.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson