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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about government.

At least 20000 workers from across the federal government (one US worker in 8000) have been arbitrarily fired and another 180000 appear to be next. Locally our NOAA weather office was hit: an agency estimated to return for the country seventy-five dollars for each one spent. The guard rails meant to prevent this power grab are fraying but Special Council Dellinger, MSPB Chair Harris and Judges Contreras, Jackson and Alsup are trying to hold the line while you have doubled down and tried to fire them. Such administration is obviously illegal, vicious, inefficient and destructive. Hiding the immediate effect on the GDP by redefining it while handing out huge contracts to syncophants to pick up a bit of the slack will move the country closer to kleptocracy like that run by President Putin.

Please assure me that you will rehire the federal workforce.

My pride in the US derives in part from our democracy.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson