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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about repression.

During your previous term protests became common and your responses chilling. Irregular groups of officers from a grab bag of federal agencies assaulted protesters even snatching people off the Portland streets in unmarked vans. The officers were untrained for crowd control and given wide leeway with little guidance. In DC you vowed to call up the military as a crowd was being attacked. Now you are decimating the federal workforce but the OMB memo ordering probationary workers fired explicitly exempts eleven groups comprising anyone who could plausibly be pressed into police service. You have threatened to cite the insurrection act and deploy military domestically. Emails about DEI threatened 'adverse consequences' for those not snitching. Together this gives the appearance of replacing a democratic state with a police state.

Please assure me that you will support political freedom.

My pride in the US derives in part from our free speech.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson