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Dear Senator Padilla:

I am concerned about a coup.

You are now in the best position to hold the line while Congress retains any power to act. The House continuing resolution is a mockery explicitly furthering moves to fund mainly a security apparatus while hanging us - your constituents - out to dry and granting greater leeway for shifting money. Already a variety of items you authorized have been illegally blocked and authoritarianism is on full display in the political arrest of Mr Khalil without charges - daring you or the courts to block this erosion of habeas corpus. The key for them is to get accomplices: university funds are threatened, a Manhattan hotel was handed a subpoena and you are being blamed for their impending shutdown. Republicans are counting on you to fold. Please do not.

*Please assure me that you will deny all funds for this government.*

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

Sincerely,

Eric Babson