March 22, 2025 Eric Babson 1094 Cragmont Avenue Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Senator Padilla:

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I am concerned about a complacency.

Thank you for opposing last weeks continuing resolution. As House Speaker Emerita noted 'I myself don't give away anything for nothing'. I am sorry to see that the Senate Democratic caucus remains divided over whether to support the President. The ongoing disaster of eroding human rights and attempts to control law firms, universities, foreign countries and government entities through threats both personal and institutional must be challenged. The filibuster threshold is a thin line but with Republicans and Justices largely compromised and lower court rulings being ignored there is little else to stop this coup. Democratic leadership that understands the urgency of resistance is essential.

Please assure me that you will replace Senator Schumer. My pride in the US derives in part from our democracy.

Sincerely, Eric Babson