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Dear Mr President:

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I am concerned about accountability.

You have fired thousands long before their contracts expired but now suggest staying on after yours does. While insisting it was not a joke you left open whether you envision something involving free elections or something more like your idols- Prime Minister Orban and Presidents Putin and Xi. Your embrace of a king meme and Judge Howell's ruling that you are not (yet) one point to the latter. This continues to erode any motivation to govern in the interests of the governed. In Trump v. United States the court exempted you from following legislated law and without an expectation of electoral referendum there is little motivation to follow popular opinion either.

Please assure me that you will respect the constitution. My pride in the US derives in part from our democracy.

Sincerely, Eric Babson