Dear Constitutional Law Students,
Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed summer. What a great time to be taking Con Law while major constitutional controversies are front and center in the news.

There are two parts to the first assignment for next week. (Please note that the page numbers below are from Fourth Edition of Chemerinsky’s Constitutional Law textbook.)

First, read the entire Constitution, which you will find at the beginning of the textbook, pages xli to lvii. Bring to our first class session a written list of 1-3 things that surprise you about the Constitution and 1-3 questions about it. This should be brief, and definitely no more than 1 side of 1 piece of paper. On a second piece of paper, provide a short bio about yourself, including your name, any family or personal background you want to share with me, where you went to college and what your major was, what your work experiences have been, and your career and/or life interests/goals. You will turn in both pieces of paper to me during our first class session. Please be assured that your bio will be only for me and will not be shared with others.

Second, please read and be prepared to discuss Marbury v. Madison (pages 1-11) for Monday and District of Columbia v. Heller (pages 11-33) for Wednesday.

Finally, if you haven't been enticed already, you might consider listening to the soundtrack of the hit musical "Hamilton."

I look forward to seeing you next Monday.
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