Welcome back very soon! I hope you have enjoyed your summer. What a fascinating time to be taking Con Law while so many major constitutional controversies are dominating the news.

There are two parts to the assignment for our first week. (Please note that the page numbers below are from the Fifth 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 a list of 1-3 observations that surprise you about the Constitution and 1-3 questions about it. This should be brief, and definitely no more than one side of one 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 legal career goals and other life interests. You will turn in both pieces of paper to me during our first class session. Please be assured that your bio will be for me to get to know you and will not be shared with others.

Second, for our first class on Tuesday 8/21 please read and be prepared to discuss the case establishing the power of judicial review, Marbury v. Madison (pages 1-
11), and for our second class on Thursday 8/23 please read the ground-breaking Second Amendment case, *District of Columbia v. Heller* (pages 11-32).

I very much look forward to seeing you in ten days!

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