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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by conflicts of interest. Several of the people you have hired have not met the ethics guidelines around lobbying, military service and conflicts. You and your family are some of the most striking examples. These conflicts give the appearance of governance by and for a very small cadre of your associates. This perception is greatly increased by your refusal to even disclose which people have required ethics waivers. Such secrecy will damage public trust in the government.

*Please assure me that you will move toward an open and ethical administration.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our free and open society.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson