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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about unstable governments. North Africa and the middle east remain in turmoil. This is resulting in a huge number of refugees who must be quickly provided with food, shelter, medical assistance and sufficient support for local government. If this does not happen, many will die and violent extremist groups will have another generation of recruits. we have seen this before in the misguided wars fought in Iraq and Afghanistan a decade ago. The organizations best able to provide this assistance are the UN and the US State Department and your government has started to defund both of these, with threats to further hobble them both financially and the State Department through reduced personnel. This military only foreign policy will destabilize the rest of the world.

*Please assure me that you will follow a comprehensive foreign policy.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our rational world leadership.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson