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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by thoughtless public remarks. Top positions in the United States government are highly respected. This gives you and your cabinet and staff considerable power along the lines of Nancy Reagan's just say no campaign or the president's call to coalesce after the 9-11 attacks. Unfortunately this respect can also lead to encouraging people's worse instincts and so should be used with care. The rant by your erstwhile chief of staff was particularly notable in degrading your office. This is closely followed by your own speech at the jamboree which elicited an apology from the president not of the US, but of the Boy Scouts. Your off the cuff advocacy for police brutality also, though no doubt meant in jest, will have an effect. Besides dishonoring and degrading your office, these comments damage our society.

Please assure me that you will follow planned speeches in future.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from international respect.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson