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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about diplomacy. Effective statesmanship requires a deep knowledge of all parties and isolation from bribery, lobbying and public propaganda. To achieve this the US has built up a substantial professional state department to negotiate and shifted most decisions away from congress leaving final say with the president. Past presidents have typically used this power sparingly and when they have not serious disasters such as the destabilization of an entire region through the Iraq war have resulted. Your secretary of state has seriously diminished the department but your decision today on Obama's Iran nuclear deal still flies in the face of all advice though it does seem in line with your other arbitrary destructive acts such as on DACA, TPP, NAFTA and the Paris accords. One is left flabbergasted trying to speculate on motivation: are you waiting for a large personal bribe? are you distracting from your serious legal problems at home? are you showing off your power? are you eliminating anything associated with Obama? are you just excited to do what you are told not to?

Please assure me that you will return the US to compliance with the Iran nuclear accord.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our effective diplomacy.

Sincerely, Eric Babson