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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about international travel. Norms appear to be breaking down and the near impunity with which Americans travel may be lost with them. Years of hard diplomatic work have brought about a world in which I have been able to travel much of the world with the peace of mind that foreign governments will leave me be. This even where locals might be in much greater danger. By ignoring the brutal murders of Messrs Khashoggi by the Saudis and Glushkov by the Russians you encourage such attacks around the world. By speaking of negotiating the release of Ms Meng you encourage the reciprocal arrests of Messrs Spavor in China and Whelan in Russia. By ignoring human rights in international affairs even for such egregious violators as Saudi Arabia, China, Russia, Turkey, the Philippines and even North Korea you encourage abuses around the world.

*Please assure me that you will keep travel safe.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our great freedom in travel.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson