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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about human rights. For the past 75 years human rights have had international support from the UN which was envisioned, championed, hosted and supported by the US as a mechanism for keeping the peace and spreading the American ideals of universal rights and democracy. While this is a tall order it has still had significant successes and even collected eleven Peace Prizes. In the past two years the US has failed badly with its UN obligations. All 22 requests from Special Rapporteur Morales have been ignored. Normally routine reports on torture and discrimination have not been filed. The Human Rights Council has been abandoned. The US has even joined such notorious abusers as Burundi, Gambia, Myanmar and the Philippines in threatening the International Criminal Court. Advisor Bolton suggested arresting its investigators and now Secretary Pompeo is planning to block their visas. Together these actions encourage abuses around the world and weaken US alliances.

*Please assure me that you will reengage with the UN and ICC.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson