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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Iranian sanctions. You have just eliminated waivers from your all sanctions policy which is having several effects. A once growing independence from clerics for Iran and an attendant shift from foreign adventurism to economic issues at home has been quashed. Oil prices have been destabilized giving powerful bargaining chips to exporters like Russia, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia. Several negotiating points have been handed to China, from the treatment of Ms Meng to the demand to cut oil purchases. At the same time your odd tariff war has embroiled us in trade negotiations leaving the thinned diplomatic corps to ignore serious humanitarian issues in both the Ukraine and Xinjiang even while threatening to create one in Iran. Finally these sanctions involve repudiation of US promises and hurt our ability to negotiate. It even puts nearly nuclear nations such as North Korea on notice that stopping production would be foolish.

Please assure me that you will honor our treaty with Iran.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson