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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war crimes. The US has the worlds most powerful military with people stationed around the world. Such a large and exposed force must safeguard civilians and abide by international norms. Pardoning war criminals (much like offering pardons to those who do not testify against you) makes a mockery of justice and sends the clear message that indiscriminate violence will be condoned. Besides the immediate immorality, this message endangers any who come into contact with our troops either abroad or at home and as such endangers our troops themselves. Your vision of power appears to be hurting the weakest people as seen in your child immigrant policies, your bone spur issue with any actual danger to yourself and your fascination with gunning people down on 5th avenue. Such a precedent will reduce support for troops both here and abroad and weaken our country. *Please assure me that you will pardon only the innocent.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our respect for human rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson