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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about human rights. Secretary Tillerson eviscerated the State Department but to the extent that diplomacy has been reported at all it has involved unfocused arbitrary moves (largely tariffs and sanctions) with vague justifications unrelated to human rights. This is not due to a lack of violations: Rohingya in Myanmar have been slaughtered and driven from the country; any perceived opponents in Syria have been tortured; Saudi attacks in Yemen have led to mass starvation; in China a dystopian high tech police state is arising to repress Uyghurs and closer to home the conditions in Venezuela have led to vast displacement and in the northern triangle to a surge of refugees on the US border. This week there are reports that the State Department is forming a commission to redefine human rights rather than focus on preserving them.

*Please assure me that you will work to futher human rights as currently defined.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson