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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about China. Today Chinese gangs are battling democracy protesters in Hong Kong, the latest AI is being deployed to repress minorities in Xinjiang and development projects are cementing Chinese dominance around the world. Since the repression of Tibet began and the 1989 slaughter in Tiananmen square the US has developed many more ties to both China and the rest of Asia allowing considerably more pressure to be brought for human rights. Unfortunately these levers have been squandered and foreign policy has shifted from human rights to some mix of random and graft. You withdrew from the Asian trade pact meant to pressure China, essentially ignored human rights issues demanding instead sanctions against Iran and launched an array of cryptic tariffs. It is time for a coherent policy around China.

Please assure me that you will call out Chinese human rights abuses.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson