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## Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by incoherent foreign policy. Your policy around Qatar and other Islamic states in the middle east appears inconsistent. Such signaling can be dangerous because of the complex network of ongoing wars in the region. A minor signaling error by President Bush may have contributed to the decision by Husein to Kuwait leading to years of violence, tens of thousands of deaths and extensive US involvement. Right now the State department is poorly prepared to rapidly mitigate such errors due to numerous firings and resignations together with minimal recruitment of permanent replacements. This makes it particularly important that an effort be made to reduce the number and extent of these missteps.

Please assure me that you will create an experienced foreign policy team and defer to them in your statements.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson