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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about inexperienced administrators. Experience is important to running any organization effectively. This is particularly true for a large complicated one with a wide range of functions such as the US federal government. You have fired many of the experienced department heads throughout government, notably in the State and Justice departments. Many of the posts which have been filled appear to treat loyalty rather than competence as the main criterion. This ranges from the wild portfolios of Kushner and Ivanka Trump through cabinet level people like Pruit (who denies science), DeVos, Pence (who didn't know what DOE did) or Carson (who noted his own inexperience) to the actively destructive with Flynn (about whom you were thoroughly warned), Bannon, Bradbury (who backed torture), your party planner Patton and NARAL lobbyist Manning. Such a team will weaken our country and leave others to call the shots.

Please assure me that you will create an experienced team to vet hires.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson