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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by trade war. International trade is essential to our economy. There are rumors that you support further taxing steel imports. President Bush tried this idea in 2002. Even though his plan lasted only two weeks it had a significant impact on the steel market, destabilizing it and eventually decreasing US market share. It also weakened the president for future trade negotiations. The rumor that you and Mr Bannon want to start a trade war for the entertainment of rural midwestern voters also makes you appear weak, ineffective and dangerous. It looks like a desperate move to create distractions while weakening the country.

Please assure me that you will defer to those on your team arguing to improve the economy.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson