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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by amoral foreign policy. Human rights have at times been the focus of US foreign policy. At other times administrations have tried to use other criteria, such as Reagan's policy of supporting friendly authoritarians. This has generally been a terrible mistake. It is morally indefensible and therefor weakens US support there, internationally and even at home. Once the regime we supported is gone it leaves decades of distrust and lost opportunities as for instance in Iran today. Secretary Tillerson has enunciated a policy of amorality. You have suggested a similar attitude by ignoring Russian attacks in the Ukraine, human rights issues in China and repression in Turkey and the Philippines. This approach is also clear in your vicious refugee policies. Moral policies will most effectively strengthen our country.

*Please assure me that you will pursue moral foreign policies.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson