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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by nuclear weapons. The nuclear age has created a situation in which leaders of a few nations, including now the US and North Korea, must be trusted to act rationally or else destroy a significant portion of the world. Your rhetorical approach appears to entail alternating wild, exaggerated bombast with reading more subdued comments written by others. This may work well for some type of negotiation, but it is terrifying when applied to mutually assured destruction. Either you or Kim need only convince enough of the leadership of the other country that a preemptive attack is imminent to result in horrific destruction. Your wild statements about the destruction of Korea and the statements by you and cabinet members about military options seem almost calculated to risk war. Your inexperienced appointees also seem more likely to be frightened by Kim's posturing. It seems better to offer a more unified stance with South Korea and China.

Please assure me that you will return to a more steady approach to the very difficult problem of dealing with North Korea.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson