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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by US policies toward Korea. North Korea has continued its long terrifying march toward weapons of mass destruction. The best response is hard to guess but some show of unity seems a good idea. One imagines that these weapons programs will be viewed as foreign policy successes if they appear to be driving a wedge between other countries. Your direct threats against North Korea without international support could leave this impression. Similarly, your high profile attacks on Chinese and particularly South Korean policies along with broad threats of a trade war liked to North Korea could well leave this impression. Questions about balance of trade are not facing any immediate deadlines. It seems reasonable to address these either in a more low key manner or at least not in immediate response to provocations from Kim.

Please assure me that you will seek consensus in containing North Korea.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson