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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about incoherent foreign policy. In a recent Fox interview the president opined that he alone matters in this regard, a position backed up by eviscerating the State department. He has also withdrawn the US from most international trade questions and demonstrated a dangerous level of belligerence regarding nuclear weapons. There have been a few moves by states (eg Governor Brown) to negotiate pollution limits and even trade policy directly but a coherent voice would be much more effective. The Senate is the institution best situated to fill the present void. It seems imperative at least that the Senate's war powers be interpreted to include a veto on the use of nuclear weapons. It also seems appropriate that the Senate's treaty powers be interpreted to include negotiation as well as ratification. Our three branch system should be able to withstand this complete abdication by the executive.

Please assure me that you will move to stabilize international relations.

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

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson