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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned by nuclear weapons. North Korea is the newest entity to have access to these weapons while Iran could gain such access with a bit more work. Reducing the threat these weapons pose to Americans and the rest of the world has been a significant foreign policy challenge for US presidents and the State Department for decades. The current approach is not reassuring as the plausibility of yesterday's false alarm made clear. There have been significant events in both Iran (protests) and Korea (discussions with the South) which invite diplomatic responses. Unfortunately our diplomatic corps appears hamstrung and is not responding. Once again the US position is looking petulant and is unlikely to bring international consensus. This has been true with the fiasco over the Iranian agreement and is now true with the Korean detente. Secretary Tillerson's decimation of the State Department and your irresponsible declarations are making the world a more dangerous place.

Please assure me that you will hire and defer to a a competent diplomatic corps.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson