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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the grand 18th century experiment of democracy. Your frequent praise for dictators is dangerous. The US invasion of Iraq fifteen years ago has destabilized the area leading to chaos in Syria, Libya and Egypt and the worst refugee crisis in my lifetime. Senseless and vicious attacks on these refugees and other immigrants are threatening democracy. In the past western Europe and North America have been able to lean on each other when demagogues such as yourself here, Orban in Hungary, Erdogan in Turkey, Kaczynski in Poland, LePen in France or Petry in Germany threatened democracy. Europe and the US in turn supported democracy in other parts of the world. Today the most powerful leader in the world in President For Life Xi who is very interested in foreign affairs but not at all in democracy.

Please assure me that you will support democracy.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our democratic government.

Sincerely, Eric Babson