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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about diplomacy. Yesterday this country abandoned the Irannian nuclear treaty. The president's reasons for this are anyone's guess and liable to change. The Senate must challenge such unilateral action. Past presidents have been challenged in court and with threats of legislation including President Bush over the ABM treaty and President Carter over the Mutual Defense treaty. This president's legacy is breaking things, from the TPP and DACA to NAFTA, the ACA and the climate accord. The US has built the world's most powerful diplomatic corp allowing us to shape world politics for the past fifty years. Besides the immediate dangers of poor or vicious policies there is the long term harm of decimating and side-lining the state department while showing the US a faithless negotiating partner.

Please assure me that you will assert Senate treaty power.

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

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