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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about diplomacy. This week the US abandoned the Iranian nuclear treaty. The president's reasons for this are anyone's guess and liable to change. Congress must challenge such irrational unilateral action. Past presidents have been challenged in court and with threats of legislation including President Bush over the ABM treaty with the USSR and President Carter over the Mutual Defense treaty with Taiwan. This president's special ability is breaking things, from the TPP, DACA, NAFTA, the ACA and the climate accord to the BCP, EPA and State Department. The US has built the world's most powerful diplomatic corp allowing us to shape world politics over the past half century. Besides the immediate dangers of poor or vicious policies there is the long term harm of decimating and sidelining the state department while showing the US a faithless negotiating partner.

Please assure me that you will assert congressional power around treaty obligations.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson