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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned about nuclear war. Nuclear weapons have made the world a more dangerous place for the past 70 years and as they slowly continue to proliferate the need for delicate diplomacy increases. As the first and biggest player the US has long been at the center of such negotiations. The long standoff with the USSR was frightening but today North Korea is the biggest threat and with a much smaller and more vulnerable arsenal their strategy must be assumed more dangerously hair-triggered. You have decimated our professional State Department through funding cuts, punitive reassignments, a Secretary of State (Tillerson) bent of shrinkage and today by signing orders easing the firing of civil servants where the greatest expertise lies. You have hired Mr Bolton who with his recent history of threatening North Korea specifically spent the week undermining your meeting plans. You have scuttled the most successful recent nonproliferation plan with Iran. Real estate deals often fall through but nuclear wars must always be averted.

*Please assure me that you will fire Mr Bolton.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson