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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about diplomacy. The alliance of western democracies has spent the past several decades reshaping the world by a combination of diplomacy, trade policy and moral focus. NATO and the European Union have been slowly expanding with economic and human rights requirements and bad actors have been isolated with Russia removed from the G8 and China facing some sanctions over human rights and the South China Sea. This approach has provided the leverage to shut down the Iranian nuclear program and keep serious pressure on North Korea but many small insults are threatening the alliance, from Ambassador Grenell's outrageous comments in Germany and the reassignment of Ms Harris away from Australia to the offensive excuse of national security for metals tariffs and the buddy-ing up of the US president with Ambassador Kislyak and Chairman Kim. As Donald Tusk, the European Council president argues this is already making the world less predictable and less secure while allowing more open relations between Europe, Russia, China and North Korea without even a pretense of being better global actors.

Please assure me that you will return to diplomacy.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson