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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about NATO. For the past 69 years the US has been central to the expansion of democracy leading to a world order in which the US calls the shots. This has been greatly assisted by the alliance with western Europe where this expansion has been most evident. A mutual defense alliance is only as strong as the good faith of its members and by calling article five into question and railing against the agreement in general along with your routine and casual lying this good faith is being rapidly lost. Your recent and upcoming meetings with G-7 and NAFTA on the one hand and Kim and Putin on the other suggest a shift away from this leadership role and toward a facile kowtowing to dictators. It leaves the impression of a treasonous collusion with Putin to weaken the US.

Please assure me that you will support NATO.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson