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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by violent rallies. Elections occur throughout the world, but they are not always free, fair or peaceful. The US has had two centuries of remarkably smooth votes but the few assassinations we have had point to the need for vigilance. The leaders of any political movement must quickly and unambiguously condemn any violent tendencies among their followers. Unfortunately your rallies campaigning for the Presidency saw at least two people attacked with your encouragement (even an offer to cover court costs) and statistics showed your rallies (and not those of Clinton) increased assaults wherever they were held. Now with midterm elections approaching there are once again reports of threatening speech and behavior at your rallies as seen in a video from Tampa by Jim Acosta, two people assaulted at Huntington Beach, bizarre threatening signage at another and death threats against Representative Waters.

Please assure me that you will act to stop violence.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson