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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Iranian sanctions. Visiting Iran last summer there was a palpable optimism that the excesses of revolution were finally coming to an end, with a reformist government, expanding economy and growing international connections. The promise of a stable, moderating force in the middle east seemed possible. Your foreign policies are inscrutable with charm offensives in Korea, The Philippines and Russia and bizarre attacks on NATO, Canada and particularly Iran. While there may be only personal reasons rather than any coherent plan behind your actions there are still consequences, and with Iran in particular this window of opportunity appears to be closing. The Rial is now in free fall and the chance that this will play into the hands of religious conservatives, push out the moderate government and encourage even more international adventurism is serious.

*Please assure me that you will rejoin Europe in engaging with Iran.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our effective foreign policies.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson