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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about nuclear Armageddon. This weekend finds the President in campaign mode with ludicrous but tough sounding comments on taxes (another bill during the recess?), immigration (closing the border?) and nuclear weapons. The threat to break nuclear treaty obligations is sadly plausible with Mr Bolton advising it, various other treaties having been broken and actions in both Iran and North Korea suggesting no concern about war. Our treaty system is predicated on having a President who will defer to experts and act in good faith. Absent this situation, treaties ratified by Congress should be overseen by commissions similar to the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors to keep experts in the loop and the political winds a step away. From the climate accords and various trade pacts to NATO, Iran and now maybe Russia a check on Presidential power to destroy whatever he does not understand would be welcome.

Please assure me that you will insulate treaties from Presidential whim.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson