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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about violent repression. Authoritarian regimes around the world and throughout the ages have resorted to horrific violence to make political points. You have shown support for such governments from the drug murders in the Philippines and the massive repression in North Korea to the murders of critics by Russia and Saudi Arabia. You have also condoned violent suppression of demonstrators such as the shootings at the Gaza border and this week you went a step farther by threatening to force American soldiers to shoot unarmed demonstrators 'if they throw rocks'. These threats come only a week after people acted on your violent suggestions to send bombs around the country and gun people down in a synagogue. Your words were also immediately cited to justify the murder in Nigeria of dozens of unarmed protesters 'who threw rocks'. Your rhetoric is not a victimless game.

Please assure me that you will stop incitement to murder.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our support for human rights.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson