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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about foreign policy. US support for the continuing disaster in Yemen resulted from an unprepared and uninterested President lacking Congressional oversight. In this perfect storm an inexperienced President hired an inexperienced team, sidelined the State Department professionals and simplified the narrative by simply backing the government with which he felt personally most comfortable and which was most effusive in his praise- the Saudis. In fact US support for these autocrats has long been excessive, but the current regime has doubled down on this. Finally a bipartisan group of Senators is moving to challenge this policy but I worry that much would still rely on the good faith of the administration: sanctions based on the President's finding via the Magnitsky act and required administration reports. This administration has shown no capacity for embarrassment or compunction about simply lying as with Secretaries Pompeo and Mattis' September memo for the Yemen war and their November memo against or the refusal to recertify the Iran deal or citing non-emergencies to break trade deals. This president must be confronted directly.

Please assure me that Presidential power abuse will be curbed.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson