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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about incoherent military policy. From supporting a Saudi war in Yemen coupled with a travel ban from Yemen to railing about confronting ISIS in Syria coupled with a surprise withdrawal plan from Syria, US military policy appears rudderless. As commander in chief you are responsible for military policies and priorities and as with the administration of any large organization this typically entails hiring experienced hands and making only executive decisions. As with other things you have worked to transcend the normal levels of incompetence. First you assembled an incomplete, inexperienced and rapidly changing team involving such characters as Tillerson, Bolton, Pompeo, Mattis and Flynn and then you ignored even their advice. The result is a transformation of the US military from a trusted ally and feared opponent compelling parties to keep US policy goals uppermost in their planning to something more like a storm: powerful but unreliable either as friend or foe.

Please assure me that you will resign.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson