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## Dear Mr Vice 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. The commander in chief is 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 this administration has worked to transcend the normal levels of incompetence. First an incomplete, inexperienced and rapidly changing team involving such characters as Tillerson, Bolton, Pompeo, Mattis and Flynn was assembled and then even their advice was ignored. 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 encourage the Preisdent to resign.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson