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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about irrational military command. Military decisions are required of the President and while you have no experience (having evaded previous military service) there are many diplomatic and military experts available to elucidate options for you. I worry that you are instead acting impulsively or at the advice of people uninterested in US interests. The latest example of incoherence is your announcement of an immediate withdrawal from Syria leaving an ongoing war with ISIS and Kurdish allies in the breach. Most notably your announcement appears to have surprised not only military partners but your own cabinet prompting Secretary Mattis to resign and Adviser Bolton to fairly unimaginatively reinterpret your statements. As you also give no hint of a rationale one is left to wonder whether it just seemed like a good idea at the time or was based on advice from someone such as President Erdogan who might benefit from the shift.

Please assure me that you will take military decisions seriously.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson