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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about war over Kashmir. This week the decades of tension between India and Pakistan escalated to a degree not seen for twenty years. Both countries have nuclear arsenals and both have reasons not to stand down. The US State Department is in disarray. The hacks calling the shots (Secretary Pompeo, Advisor Bolton, the President and his son-in-law) are focused on reestablishing nuclear threats in Iran and Russia and dangerous political theater in North Korea. The world is left without the likes of President Clinton who some credit with talking down the 1999 Kashmiri crisis. Congress has begun to reassert a bit more authority over foreign affairs with resolutions about Yemen and Mr Khashoggi but it is irresponsible to leave this administration with such free reign. The House is the most democratic part of our government and should use financial control to assert more authority. I worry that the US will help the world stumble into a nuclear holocaust.

Please assure me that the House will take control of nuclear negotiations.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that is derived from our diplomatic prowess.

Sincerely, Eric Babson