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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war with Iran. Your presidency has so far avoided war. You have asserted the right to intervene in Venezuela and made occasional threats to North Korea. We have supported Saudi Arabia with the horrible violence in Yemen over congressional objections. Attacks against Ukrainians, Rohingya and Uyghurs have been largely ignored but at least we have avoided war. I now worry that the US military may attack Iran. The situation there remains dangerous with increasing sanctions destroyining the economy, undermining the secular govrenment and encouraging a return to their nuclear program. The frighteningly beligerant rhetoric from you, Mr Bolton and Secretary Pompeo is being underscored by deployment of warships. Your failed stock bluffs cost only money and dignity but a failed military bluff will cost lives. You campaigned on bringing US troops home and not sending them away is a big part of that.

Please assure me that you will avoid war with Iran.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson