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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war. When you mess up a real estate deal you can just let it sit for a while and borrow from daddy or Russian mobsters to tide you over. When you mess up diplomacy you kill tens of thousands of people and destroy a society for a generation. With Iran you are frighteningly close to messing up. You set the stage with willful ignorance, decimation of our diplomatic corps, alienation of both allies and foes by breaking Obama's hard won treaty and isolation of Iran with no planned way out. This had the predictable effect of undermining both the more moderate people in Iran's government and our allies as well as restarting Iran's nuclear program. You continued by hiring warmongers, asserting the right to begin a war unilaterally and putting more military targets in the middle east with fast acting weapons even though the threats posed by others were slow. Finally yesterday your well known penchant for acting not on all the facts but on the last thing you were told brought the world within minutes of war. Please assure me that you will resign before blundering into a war.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson