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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about autocracy. Since 1945 the US has led the world toward a liberal order with a mix of aid and moral leadership creating in the process an historic era of freedom and prosperity at home, in Europe and in parts of Asia. A few years ago much of the world was buying in with the expansion of NATO, an array of trade pacts and the growing authority of the EU, the WTO and the world court. You continue to threaten such alais as Germany and Japan while rewarding the worst regimes happy to see this system undermined: the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, your patron Russia and now again North Korea. While this may be simple dictator-envy or graft the effect is still to give N Korea more bargaining power with China and less reason to denuclearize, Russia every reason to ramp up political interference around the world and a boost to the most violent factions in Saudi Arabia. Rewarding violence is make the US weaker and more dangerous.

Please assure me that you will support democracy.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson