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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war. Once again tension with Iran is being needlessly and dangerously ramped up. By decimating their economy you have undermined the most conciliatory players in Iranian politics and united the populace behind a nationalist stance. This is increasing the political advantage of belligerence which the nuclear deal had been reducing. You put American forces in the region and hence increased the chance of stumbling into conflict. Your domestic moves have also increased the danger by asserting both the right to attack unilaterally and the right to simply ignore congress. It is both telling and frightening that when Iranian and US government sources disagree about events such as shooting down drones it is anyone's guess who to believe.

Please assure me that you will deescalate and defer to Congress regarding Iran.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson