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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war. Your penchant for listening to those you admire rather than those with expertise is particularly frightening around foreign policy. Secretary Tillerson eviscerated the State Department, Advisor Bolton the security council while you have alienated the G7 and are ever more explicitly taking council from President Putin, your son-in-law and the houses of Kim and Saud. This week you explicitly deferred to Saudi Arabia in your ongoing and unpredictable brinkmanship with Iran. This royal family has not been a very good steward of the military power it has - providing most of the people responsible for destroying the world trade center and literally chopping up an American resident with whom it disagreed. Handing them the power to call down the US military on their enemies as you have been doing in Yemen and appear poised to do in Iran would be disastrous.

*Please assure me that you will avoid war and defer to State Department experts.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson