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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about alliances. This month you have again relied on a single foreign actor to dictate US policy, apparently because you mistrust US diplomatic and military professionals while maintaining a fawning reverence for autocrats. Previously Russian, Saudi, Philippino and even North Korean leaders have received such deference and now it is President Erdogan's turn. Your actions meet the standard definition of treason with Turkish forces rapidly routing ours as a result of your assistance. Shells were launched threateningly close to US positions and access routes to US bases sealed off resulting in a hasty retreat from the country without even time to settle the status of our prisoners. Meanwhile our Kurdish allies are suffering more significant losses. These actions do not make Turkey our ally in the region.

Please assure me that you will learn to distinguish friend from foe.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson