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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about diplomacy. Over the past thousand days the world's greatest diplomatic corps has been damaged by inept and vindictive reorganization, funding cuts and the sidelining of professionals by incompetent political hacks along with the demoralizing need to defend the indefensible and arbitrary whims of the President. Congress has put up some objections with four bills to reduce involvement with the Saudi war in Yemen at least requiring a veto and invocation of the global Magnitsky Act. This past week the House has managed to make some common cause with State Department professionals by interviewing several about the disastrous current decision process and Speaker Pelosi led a group to Jordan (no Presidential flight cancellation this time) to try to shore up fraying alliances there. Besides being cathartic this is helping flesh out the details for the rest of us and even the Senate majority leader published an admonishing letter.

Please assure me that you will will increase foreign policy oversight.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson