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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about human rights in China. Chinese policies on intellectual property and territorial claims are contentious but over the past few years the long simmering human rights abuses in Xinjiang have become much worse with chilling internal documents coming to light today and the situation in Hong Kong is also deteriorating. Instead of calling out these terrible abuses you have focused all official comments on trade negotiations and securing family trademarks. You have greatly weakened US diplomatic power not only by firing our best diplomats but also with irrational abrogation of the treaty with Iran, inexplicable troop withdrawal from the Turkish border and slavish continued support for the Saudis. A move with broad congressional support to impose sanctions for the suppression of Uyghurs was quashed in June after you were duped into believing a trade deal was imminent and a bill with unanimous House support responding to the situation in Hong Kong is being similarly blocked. You may have weakened our moral authority but it is still essential to champion democracy.

Please assure me that you will insist President Xi respect human rights.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our support for the weak.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson