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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about diplomacy. This week you skipped the climate meeting Ms Pelosi was at in Madrid but did try to use a NATO meeting to distract from your impending impeachment for conflating personal with national interests. Unfortunately you instead highlighted this identification with threats of diplomatic action (tariffs in this case) not to help Americans or humanity but due to personal slights. The press conferences you did not cancel in a huff were used to remind people of your domestic woes. Once again the meeting was not a boring reaffirmation of principles with a few poto ops but another chance for ties to fray while the growing threats from Presidents Putin and Xi are ignored.

Please assure me that you will advance US interests not your own.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson