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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about corruption. President Erdogan has eviscerated Turkish democracy, imprisoned legions and driven intellectuals - including a friend and now colleague of mine - from the country. Yet you have shown striking sympathy for his corrupt moves to persecute former rival Mr Gulen who is now in the US and quash investigation of his cronies at Halkbank for crimes which included undermining your vicious policies in Iran. Besides the threats of frozen assets and extradition against Mr Gulen and firing of SDNY Attorney Berman this has warped US foreign policy. You have bragged about your business interests in Istanbul and at least a few million dollars of income has been reported for you there. Perhaps you are trying to arrange a comfortable exile.

Please assure me that you will keep personal business out of national policy.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson