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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about world affairs. The US spent the past several decades building a world order in which our government was a central player and the past several years withdrawing from it. Some effects have included the rise of COVID after hobbling the CDC and WHO, the rapid increase of warming after hobbling the Paris agreement and domestic standards, increasing nuclear threats from Russia, Iran and North Korea, the rise of tit for tat tariffs and the loss of American diplomacy after eviscerating the State Department. There are ongoing humanitarian crises in Myanmar and China and newly arising ones with civil war in Ethiopia and eroding democratic norms in Poland and Hungary.

Please assure me that you will clear the way for President elect Biden's foreign policy team.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson