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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about political repression.

You have pardoned thousands of violent extremists and thereby emboldened tens of thousands more. You ordered attacks on Iranian interests adding foreign agents to the threats facing US politicians. As the attacks on Mr Pelosi, Mr Thompson, the US capitol and yourself illustrate such violence is a potent if imprecise weapon. The FBI tries to monitor those facing the greatest threats but you are mocking their work by singling people out such as Messrs Bolton, Pompeo, Milley and Hook to deny protection. You thereby add the threat of death to your previous catalog of indignities such as abrupt firing, sending in security (Ms Fond of the FDA), stranding (Mr Comey of the FBI) and pension denial (Mr McCabe also of the FBI).

Please assure me that you will prevent political violence.

My pride in the US derives partly from our open society.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson