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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about militarism.

Your discussions with President Putin over Ukraine and with Prime Minister Netenyahu over Gaza suggest a colonial attitude backing the more powerful aggressor states in world conflicts while your musings about the mineral rights in Ukraine and development possibilities in Gaza suggest an interest in partaking of the spoils rather than supporting stability. You have commented about taking over Greenland, the canal zone and even Canada while wielding the threat of tariffs to get help with suppressing US minorities. Foreign aid and international groups the US once led are being abandoned. Your actions look more like those of a regional military power than a global leader. *Please assure me that you will support human rights*.

My pride in the US derives in part from our international leadership.

Most respectfully,

Eric Babson