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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about Secretary Hesgeth.

Running a department involves administration and policy work but also affects what passes for acceptable. Secretary Hesgeth appears to have been selected primarily for being a photogenic racist sexual predator. He has no policy experience and lost his two administrative jobs at veterans advocacy groups for drunkenness and mismanagement. He has opined that women should not work but rather make babies to overtake the Muslims. His racist tattoos got him removed from President Biden's security team and he has argued for pardoning war criminals. Already he has supported the racist removal of General Brown as chair of the Joint Chiefs. Besides being completely unqualified Secretary Hesgeth joins Justice Kavanaugh and yourself in setting a poor example of powerful entitled criminals. Please assure me that you will hire upstanding competent help.

My pride in the US derives in part from our sophistication.

Most respectfully, Eric Babson