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I now believe that it's important for every thoughtful, responsible person to speak out about the state of America. While athletes, performers, artists, authors, religious and civic leaders, educators, and politicians have platforms where they can be heard by a wide audience, most people don't. Which is why I am making this offer to you:

**Tell us where you stand on what's happening in this country, and we will print your thoughts in the next issue of *Bloom*.**

Some suggested topics: North Korea, Charlottesville, Puerto Rico, investigations into Russian interference and possible collusion in the 2017 presidential election, global warming, race relations, possible conflicts of interest and transparency within the current White House administration, traditional media coverage, the influence of social media, health care, tax reform, immigration, LGBTQ+ issues, the proposed border wall, and the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen.

Your comments will reach approximately 30,000 readers of the magazine and many thousands more on our website, [magbloom.com](http://magbloom.com). As well, we will send copies of the magazine containing your letters to Sens. Joe Donnelly and Todd Young, to Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, and to President Trump to show where readers of *Bloom Magazine* stand.

Here are a few ground rules:

- Keep your letter to no more than 150 words.
- Include your full name.
- Include your address and phone number. (We will not publish this information but we may use it to confirm your identity.)

We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity, and inappropriate content.

If you like, you can send a headshot of yourself. We will print as many as space allows. Deadline to have your letter included: November 10, 2017.

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