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Honorable Michael Pompeo  
United States secretary of state

Your Excellency,

I was deeply saddened and astonished after listening to your interview with Laura Ingraham at 'The Ingraham Angle' on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2020. In your interview, you discussed the malign activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and referred to the Persian Gulf, as the Arabian Gulf.

This body of water is found between Iran to the northeast and the Arabian Peninsula to the southwest. All through the history, this body of water has been called the Persian Gulf. Iran's Arabic neighbors, however, have through the last decades tried to impose the false term of Arabian Gulf to the mentioned body of water. Not surprisingly, this has been part of Arabian hegemony foremost led by Saudi Arabia.

I am quite sure that your use of the false term of Arabian Gulf, was meant to demean the Islamic Republic in Iran. You could, however, not be more wrong. Despite the Iranian peoples hate and despise of the Islamic regime occupying their country for the 41 years, the Iranian people are highly proud of their history and heritage. We may be opponents of the Islamic regime, but we are in no way opponents of our country and its glorious history.

There have never existed an Arabian Gulf nor will there ever exist one. I only ask of you to respect history and historical fact.

Respectfully,  
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