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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about epidemics. The Center for Disease Control has long been the world leader in detecting, tracking and controlling disease. Outbreaks, however, easily cross national boundaries making an international approach essential. Currently the US global health security agenda has operations in dozens of countries detecting, tracking and controlling diseases before they become epidemic. Unfortunately, this work appears to be ending. The CDC is in disarray, having just lost Director Fitzgerald due to health related insider trading and it is now preparing to shut down most of its GHSA operations due to lost funding. People are losing health insurance here which reduces detection of new diseases and we are reminded by the particularly dangerous flu season and the continued growth of drug resistance that further work is needed.

Please assure me that you will support disease control.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our excellent health system.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson