

March 27, 2019  
Eric Babson  
babson@math.ucdavis.edu  
1094 Cragmont Avenue  
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about disasters. One role of the federal government is to step in quickly and decisively when disaster strikes and the changing climate is increasing the need for such intervention. Your response to Hurricane Maria in Puetro Rico has been particularly worrisome as you remain focused on claiming a win rather than helping communities recover. This begins with your fixation on misrepresenting the number who died. You act as though you are playing a game and can claim the lowest reported numbers as your score rather than talking about actual deaths. It continues with your fixation on misrepresenting the dollars spent. You act here as though the game you are playing is against all non-whites. From the initial fraudulent contracts such as that with Witefish and the continuing reports of mismanagement to your wildly inflated claims of \$91 billion used to try to cut off further aid you have consistently acted to hurt rather than help the devastated communities.

*Please assure me that you will focus on mitigating disasters.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our honest effective government.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson