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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about coronavirus. This administration cut back the CDC pandemic response system and eliminated the associated czar making clear both a reckless focus on erasing the Obama Presidency and on loyalty over competence. It has also attacked science, barring discussion of climate change and forecasting storms by sharpie. To maintain public health and avoid panic an independent expert is needed to coordinate the response but instead Vice President Pence was tapped and immediately muzzled those scientists who remain at CDC while floating the approach of tax cuts. This man left many dead as Governor of Indiana by rejecting needle exchanges in favor of prayer alone leading to a resurgence of HIV. I worry that many more will die as his religious and political whims supplant science. *Please assure me that congress will force an open rational response.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our rational policy.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson