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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned for those without federal recognition. Foreigners are always popular scapegoats and with a terrifying epidemic and xenophobic president undocumented people are particularly targeted by both individuals and government programs. The point of a representative rather than direct democracy is to temper the excesses of the majority by protecting minorities and taking advice of experts over the latest trend. Right now this means finding ways to support those with small savings, little job security and no access to federal programs. California's Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants Program is a great start but I worry that by making it a separate program rather than a way to provide access to existing ones it will be both a lightning rod for criticism and too small to be effective. Federal steps might include using tax numbers as well as SSN for relief money or giving states enough money to act. *Please assure me that you will help the most vulnerable get through this epidemic.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson