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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about public health. Medicine has always scared people and been fertile ground for rumors particularly when treatments are for the general not individual good. Such rumors have resulted in murders of vaccination teams preventing the eradication of polio and brought on outbreaks of measles here but now with COVID-19 millions of lives hang in the balance. Germany and South Korea have taken this to heart with public health officials driving policy but here you have failed at every turn. You frequently repeat invented conspiracies and support for associated threats of violence. You sideline experts when the truth is inconvenient or their limelight too enticing. The result is a chaotic mix of approaches around the country with dozens of health officers (yesterday it was Dr Quick in Orange County) resigning in the face of threats and police noncooperation.

Please assure me that you will support public health experts.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson