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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about priorities. Since the 1970's the country has been becoming progressively more stratified. Federal failure has now brought an epidemic which has accelerated the process frighteningly. The obvious approach to holding society together through this fiasco is represented by the CARES act and its follow on yet to be enacted. It is the height of irresponsibility to pass a military budget when millions are facing hunger and eviction, thousands of small businesses are shuttering and local governments are nearing bankruptcy.

Please assure me that you will oppose any military budget before passing sufficient COVID relief.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson