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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about disease.

Your freeze on aid, gag orders and the mass furlough of USAID staff are either extraordinarily idiotic or sadistic. Suspending aid which amounts annually to the sale price of Twitter is creating havoc. Materials and small companies are being stranded and destroyed around the world. Logistic networks are disintegrating which will cause deaths from hunger, tuberculosis, malaria and HIV for months to come and undermine ongoing clinical trials. Epidemic monitoring is ending - the related USAID pages shut down yesterday - with H5N1 among others threatening. The damage to US credibility will help recruit terrorists, shift allegiances to Chinese aid groups and threaten Americans' safety around the world. This will likely damage USAID irreversibly and usurp the congressional prerogative to end the program.

Please assure me that you will disburse appropriated funds now.

My pride in the US derives partly from our dependability.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson