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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about a pandemic.

You have ordered that the US withdraw from the WHO with funding to end in a year and pandemic treaty negotiations immediately. This will save a penny per person per day while hurting the irreplaceable work coordinating outbreak response across a fractious globe. Disease crosses political boundaries so any coordination helps and the WHO has done amazing work against known scourges such as tuberculosis, HIV and polio as well as building a framework to monitor and respond to emerging diseases. Your failures to coordinate even within the US much less internationally during the COVID crisis led to millions of deaths with governments forced to compete for and hoard resources while records were badly fragmented.

Please assure me that you will coordinate disease response.

My pride in the US derives partly from our leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson