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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about AIDS.

In 2019 you proposed to eradicate HIV by 2030 and Gilead's development of lenacapavir has put that goal within reach. Instead you have suddenly and illegally cut disbursement of funds for President Bush's PEP-FAR program and USAid and decimated the CDC and NIH. Together these keep HIV in check in millions of people and monitor new infections. Thousands of HIV workers have already had to be laid off. With so many living with HIV there has been some rise in drug resistance but as people lose access to treatment it will be able to mutate and spread more rapidly with estimates of a six fold increase in just four years. While avian flu seems the most likely near term pandemic you are making HIV another contender.

Please assure me that you will end AIDS.

My pride in the US derives in part from our medical leadership.

Most respectfully,

Eric Babson