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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about transparency.

Yesterday Commissioner McEntarfer was fired for publishing the labor statistics report she was hired to publish. A recent paper by Lederman and Islam finds that accurate data helps an economy particularly during turbulence like your bizarre policies are creating. The dozens of economic reports by US agencies are 'widely used ... for policy and business decisions.' This denial of facts aligns with your removal of experts from vaccine advice, suppression of COVID data in your first term, threats against the federal reserve board and your decimation of the federal workforce emphasizing loyalty over competence. The hard earned faith in government reports is rapidly dissipating and will be difficult to rebuild.

Please assure me that the government will continue to publish facts.

My pride in the US derives in part from our expertise.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson