

July 8, 2017
Eric Babson
babson@math.ucdavis.edu
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about epidemics. Government disease control has greatly improved lives over the past century. Vaccination keeps many terrifying diseases at bay, but this works best with high rates of use and you have encouraged doubt, reducing coverage and increasing deaths. This effect has been seen in places where radical Islamists have opposed vaccination. The health bill you are supporting will also cut preventive health care, which is essential to stop outbreaks. The CDC is focused on diseases, but other government agencies such as NIH, FDA and HHS are also involved and are all targeted for huge cuts by your budget. Diseases also cross borders and you have cut support for international work of USAID and the UN health agencies. Secretary Tillerson's State Department has not appointed people to bioterrorism posts. Together this will increase epidemic diseases.

Please assure me that you will continue the fight against disease.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson