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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned about HIV. After decades of work there are now drugs which could be used to eliminate HIV. This would require focused leadership both nationally and internationally. It is essential for infected people to have secure access to these drugs both to remain healthy and to prevent transmission. You supported ending our health insurance markets which would have left many without access and increased transmission rates. You have no national AIDS policy. You eliminated the Office of National AIDS policy nearly a year ago, have not filled the position of AIDS czar and after allowing the Presidential Advisory Council to shrink fired the rest of it this week. You have no international AIDS policy. You ended substantial funding through the abortion gag rule and proposed slashing the budget of PEPFAR. Your administration has been squandering this opportunity and causing hundreds of thousands of deaths.

Please assure me that you will take the lead in eliminating HIV.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our moral world leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson