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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about fake news videos. SNL and other fine comedy shows have long been a great source of political commentary and even information but past administrations chose not to join in. You have shown no such compunction leaving even your supporters unwilling to trust your statements. This mendacity is particularly damaging when doctored videos are used to justify your actions. You did this during your campaign with a doctored video to vilify Mr Dimassimo, a year ago with out of context videos prompting the Dutch embassy to point out that 'Facts do matter.' and again this week with a doctored video to impugn Mr Acosta. Aides suggest that you are simply taken in by these spoofs ('All I know is what's on the internet.') but then feel the need to double down when your error is pointed out. As countries, companies and jurisdictions work to make online media more accountable your credulity is not helping and is eroding faith in our government.

*Please assure me that you will try to regain the trust of the world.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson