Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about fire. This weekend the sun is blood red in Berkeley. Some parts of the country worry about hurricanes and flooding but here the danger is fires. I remember the Oakland Hills fire that killed dozens and came within a few miles of my current house. The smoke here now is from the Camp fire which obliterated the town of Paradise killing at least twenty three people. We also awoke to the country’s head administrator failing to provide words of comfort or offers of logistical support and even threatening to cut funding for our fire mitigation agency. As fires are becoming more numerous and destructive from a mixture of more people and a changing climate leadership is needed at both the state and national levels. Unfortunately you are not only failing to lead around the longer term goal of reduced emissions but you are not even able to take a break from your partisan shouting long enough to carry out the President’s most basic job of dealing with national disasters.

Please assure me that you will offer help for the Camp fire.

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

Sincerely,

Eric Babson