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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about rationality. The US has been at the forefront of an exciting scientific explosion bringing predictable improvements like faster computing and surprising ones like CRISPR gene editing. Besides the need to regulate such developments there is the chance to use them to deal with predictable predicaments like coronavirus and surprising ones like global warming. You have illustrated that breaking things is easy with even your incompetent administration decimating our federal research agencies - a decades long project to create the greatest scientific body ever built. With your minions crowing over their success in getting thousands of the worlds best researchers to flee the government is left to act in the dark.

Please assure me that you will support federal scientists.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson