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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about coronavirus. Your administration lurches from one ill-planned stunt to the next. With scientists and experts sidelined inexperienced ideologues are left in charge only to be further derailed by your passing whims. This has ranged from the ludicrous sharpie incident with NOAA to the repugnant mass kidnapping of immigrant children but it is consistently slipshod and has left your government with no credibility. The greatest danger with the rapidly emerging pandemic is panic so that clear directives based on the best available science and delivered by a trusted authority are essential. You have cut back the CDC pandemic response system and eliminated the associated czar. You have begun a quarantine regimen already being slammed as not planned out. Secretary Perdue has pronounced a zero-sum vision in which this disease benefits US farmers. You are not trusted.

Please assure me that you will immediately put a competent expert (perhaps Dr. Messonnier) in complete charge of the US response to coronavirus.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson