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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about pandemic. Ebola in 2013 provoked you to hysterical calls for closed borders and CDC to increasing their international response ability. You have destroyed that CDC network and those of the NSC and DHS while President Xi has made an opaque and authoritarian response. The muted reaction seems a testament to his power not his wisdom. Information sharing with WHO and CDC has been restricted, international teams delayed and doctors on the scene silenced. Sweeping quarantines and dragnets are reported with echoes of the Uyghur concentration camps in the vague dictum: round up everyone who should be rounded up. Those no longer involved such as Mr Klain (US ebola point man) fear preparations are being delayed while those now responsible appear to worry about the politics. Dr Fauci appears to be worried about losing access to you (and with it any scientific input). You appear worried about losing favorable trade status with China. WHO appears worried about having its teams shut out. The result is a lack of public faith and growing confusion.

Please assure me that you will appoint a scientist to coordinate coronavirus response and keep yourself out of it.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson