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Dear Senator Harris:

I am still concerned about coronavirus. With the President still in a world where everything is under control, the rest of the leadership still nodding along and testing still so minimal and scattered this clown troupe will wind up killing some of my neighbors and deepening the social and economic disruption. Congress must immediately put together a package including universal paid medical leave, access to testing and places to convalesce as well as funding to support similar local measures. Ideally this would be administered by an independent board whose leader could provide a much needed coherent federal voice and would leave something in place for future outbreaks (less susceptible to the presidential sabotage visited on the reforms occasioned by the SARS scare). Call it a tax cut: the President, supreme court and much of the Senate seem more moved by this than by the well-being of Americans. *Please assure me that Congress will respond.* 

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson