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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about blind ambition. You are old and incompetent and have soared to the world's most powerful job. With covid-19 it is time to rest on the laurels you have and pivot your focus from adulation, grift and reelection to helping the world. You must step back and put a trusted expert in charge of each aspect of the response. You must parrot these experts. The social and medical responses must be coordinated. The world's manufacturing capacity must be repurposed. The unemployed, gig workers and small businesses with thin margins must be supported. Immigrants must be allowed to normalize their lives. Fox News, President Putin, those fixated on their stock holdings and Senator McConnell will scream but they can not stop you and history will be kinder.

Please assure me that you will retire.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson