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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about focus around covid-19. For many of us that means not spreading it and trying to working remotely. For those in medical engineering, research, or practice it means shifiting resources. For policy makers it means coordination between medical, social and fiscal policies and between states and countries to try to keep the vulnerable safe, the hospitals running and our economic structures in tact until things quiet down. For grifters this is the time to play on people's fears and distraction. Unfortunately, Republicans are acting like a grifters. Senator McConnell pushed a huge slush fund instead of helping workers and a signing statement cut off attempts to hold the administration to account. The EPA used the distraction to eliminate regulation, the Border Patrol to shut out asylees and the Treasury Department to add restrictions on Iran rather than help with the outbreak there.

Please assure me that you will reimagine yourself as a president rather than a grifter.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson