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Dear Mayor Arreguin,

I am concerned about pandemic. This coronavirus outbreak started in China but today after our shockingly stupid federal response it is more deeply embedded in the US and southern Europe. With the delayed testing and decimation of the CDC's global response capability this will ensure that the pandemic devastates many extremely vulnerable populations around the world killing millions including hundreds of thousands in the US. It first appeared that California and even the bay area might be among the first dangerous hot zones but your quick decisive action in conjunction with local counties has shown the rest of the nation's mayors and governors what to do and now appears to have helped significantly here.

Thank you for your remarkable leadership in the face of this crisis.

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our responsible behavior.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson