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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about testing. Your willful incompetence has been a source of humor and frustration for years but now it is killing thousands. Testing for coronavirus might be the clearest example from the failures of an eviscerated CDC, refusing to allow tests from the WHO or any of the many capable labs in the US, the slow muddle of Messrs Giroir, Pence and Kushner leaving US testing still rudderless and now your threats against the messenger in the form of an administration report by HHS IGs Maxwell and Grimm sounding the alarm over a lack of protective gear and testing data. These threats are not idle given the IGs Fine and Atkinson fired this week to weaken congressional oversight and the Captain Crozier fired to stifle bad news. Your myopic need for good reports today is creating a much worse reality.

Please assure me that you will focus on facts on the ground rather than their appearance in the news.

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

*Sincerely,
Eric Babson*