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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about hunger. Food insecurity had already been rising in the US along with the wealth gap. The government response involves school lunches which are being lost to closures and SNAP which has been eroding. The private response has filled some of the gap but it is a fragile hodgepodge largely funded by donations which are falling and staffed by elderly or vulnerable volunteers (including my mother) leading many to shut down and others unable to function. Meanwhile need is exploding with more than fifteen million newly unemployed in the past fortnight, vulnerable immigrants losing work but ineligible for assistance and miles long lines reported at food banks. A nationally coordinated food program is needed now. Forcing interaction to feed families will worsen our epidemic.

Please assure me that you will act to support food access.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson