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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about treason. Supporting insurrection against states as a federal commander during the uncertainties of your epidemic is clearly treasonous - taking the hands off approach to the terrorism and insurrections of the White League in the 1870s one step further. It is frightening to see you continuing to refuse any role or responsibility for addressing covid-19 while also frustrating state actions. FEMA has bid against states and hijacked their shipments of medical supplies while providing minimal support. CDC has forbidden state development of tests while fumbling their own. Senate Republicans have failed to keep people employed and fed while refusing states the resources to act. Now you are egging on armed protests against Michigan's state mandated social distancing. Besides the threat of direct violence this emboldens people to ignore such orders and undermines efforts to slow the virus.

Please assure me that you will let our leaders lead.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson