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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about federal irresponsibility. Coronavirus testing is exactly what the CDC and WHO are designed to do since such a response is much more effective when tightly coordinated as the South Korean and German examples demonstrate. Bizarrely the Republican party has chosen to make federal funds for testing a Democratic issue and fought to keep them insufficient while you have decided to make the organization, planning and execution a state one leaving each to reinvent their own versions of the CDC. The result has been an inexcusably slow ramp up toward a picture of where we stand so that nursing homes have been needlessly decimated and much of the country remains locked down awaiting a sufficient clarity to proceed.

Please assure me that you will accept federal responsibilities.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson