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Dear Senator Harris:

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned for those lacking federal recognition. Foreigners are always popular scapegoats and with a terrifying epidemic and xenophobic president undocumented people are particularly targeted. The point of a representative rather than direct democracy is to temper the excesses of the majority by protecting minorities and taking advice of experts over the latest trend. Right now this means finding ways to support those with small savings, little job security and minimal access to federal programs. The programs initiated by Governor Newsom and Mayor Lightfoot are a great start but I worry that by making separate programs rather than providing access to existing ones it will both attract attacks like those yesterday from the president and be too small to be effective. Federal action such as using tax numbers along with SSN for aid or providing sufficient support for local action is needed. *Please assure me that you will help the most vulnerable get through this epidemic*.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson