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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about masks. Masks this week became an impossible to ignore metaphore for your insistence upon the appearance of leadership while steadfastly refusing to provide any. You demand your own safety with a west wing mask requirement while refusing to protect those around you with one of your own or the rest of the country with a national rule. You block the CDC from suggesting a thorough testing and contact tracing regimen while implementing exactly these measures in the White House. Your obsession with image over substance is fine for gold trimmed hotel ball rooms but devastating in a pandemic. Mr Poe's Masque of the Red Death seems apt.

Please assure me that you will leave leadership to leaders.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson