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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about pandemic. The world once turned to USAID's DART and CDC's GRRT to coordinate with WHO and the UN in leading us out of disasters. You have destroyed both our reputation - prompting Chancellor Merkel's: 'The times when we could completely rely on others are, to an extent, over.' - and our capability - sidelining experts, cutting funding and pushing pet projects. The world has not replaced these and now every country - and even state - fend for itself in the face of a pandemic you not only failed to stop but continue to exacerbate. USAID is at least promising respirators to South Africa but what is needed is world coordination as attested to by the horrors unfolding in South America where mortality data show cities with death rates many times normal. Your failure will cost millions their lives.

Please assure me that you will focus on governance not reelection.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson