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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about public health. Medicine for the public rather than individual good has always generated rumors and these have resulted in murders of vaccination teams preventing the eradication of polio and outbreaks of measles in the US but now with COVID-19 many more lives hang in the balance. Germany and South Korea have taken this to heart with public health officials driving policy. Here the President repeats invented conspiracies, Senate Republicans look for legal protection for those endangering employees and experts are sidelined when the truth is inconvenient or their limelight is enticing. The result is a chaotic mix of approaches around the country with dozens of health officers such as Dr Quick yesterday in Orange County and Dr Acton today in Ohio resigning in the face of threats and government noncooperation.

Please assure me that you will support public health experts.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson