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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am concerned about public health. Medicine for the public rather than individual good has always generated rumors resulting in murders of polio vaccination teams and in the US outbreaks of measles 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 but here the federal government repeats invented conspiracies and suggests legal protection for endangering employees while experts are sidelined and threatened. The result is a chaotic mix of approaches and reports of health officers such as Dr Quick in Orange County and Dr Acton in Ohio resigning in the face of threats and official noncooperation. Immediate prosecution of such attacks on public safety is key.

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