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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about cooperation. The WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic some time ago and the US committed some money to the response as international grants through USAID but aid groups are now alarmed that nothing is forthcoming. The pattern of enjoying the limelight of promises and then the savings or bargaining power of breaking them fits both your 'foundation' and your impeachment charges but here many more lives hang in the balance. The grant process is of course opaque but dissociation from likely partners to discredit the WHO and a move last month to consolidate power over grants under the ARO in Secretary Pompeo's State Department suggest that lives are being sacrificed to political infighting.

Please assure me that you will expedite international COVID-19 mitigation.

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

*Sincerely,
Eric Babson*