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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about coronavirus in prisons. As was clear since this pandemic began our jails and prisons are ideal for the virus to spread with overcrowding, understaffed hospitals, poor sanitation and communal dining. After complete leadership failure there are now massive outbreaks in many facilities including our local San Quentin. Federal authority is concentrated, a recent bill empowers General Barr still further to expedite releases and after decades of excessive incarceration the Brennan center estimated that more than a third are now held with no public safety benefit but the response has still been disastrous and chaotic with General Barr seeming more focused on the President's lawyers than on COVID-19. This administration can not be trusted.

Please assure me that congress will take more control over prisons.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson