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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about fall classes. The administration's actions around COVID appear intended to kill as many as possible and you chair the task force. The dangers have been downplayed, experts sidelined and any hint of leadership quashed. There were the May CDC guidelines which were deemed too detailed and replaced by vague platitudes and this week there were moves to force students back into classrooms amid increasing infections. First there was the ICE rule change forcing foreign students to have in person classes or face deportation and then you announced that the latest CDC draft on opening elementary schools would be weakened based on political tweets rather than medical considerations.

Please assure me that your task force will refocus on student safety.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson