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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about plague planning. In the midst of a rapidly spreading epidemic an effective response requires the best possible data. This week HHS demanded hospital data be sent to a contractor rather than the CDC while bizarrely suggesting the national guard get involved. HHS was not even able to keep track of the thousands of children kidnapped at our border. Every previous administration could have been trusted to be acting in good faith when confronting hundreds of American deaths a day but yours recently advocated for reducing testing to make the data rather than the disease go away. Coordinating data analysis should fall to your task force.

Please assure me that you will support the CDC in responding to COVID-19.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson