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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about COVID data. As this week's tech testimony reminded us we have for minimal convenience given up our privacy so that a market in profiles estimating our chances of making a purchase, paying rent or committing a crime results in hidden effects on job, parole and rental prospects. In stark contrast is the underfunded, tightly regulated scattershot state of COVID data with the CDC now out of the loop, testing slowed by bottlenecks and broad tracing noncompliance. Countries such as China which are keeping the epidemic at bay and their economies afloat have for months used profiles which estimate the chance of infection. Now is the time to organize testing and use the Defense Production Act to coopt the expertise of such companies as CoreLogic and TransUnion for virus suppression rather than ad clicks.

Please assure me that you will act to illuminate COVID that it might be stopped.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson