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Dear Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis:

I am concerned about virus tracking. Places where test, track and quarantine protocols are in place have kept control of this epidemic. Our federal government has been openly hostile with complaints of too much testing, data hidden from the CDC, ICE opting not to test detainees and Mr Kushner quashing a testing plan once he determined it would save the lives of more Democrats. Once again this leaves the states to step in but a recent attempt at a phone app in Virginia is so deferential to privacy as to be useless. This is in stark contrast to the minimal privacy the tech companies testifying in Congress this week afford us, selling data for profiles used in hiring, parole decisions and vetting renters. This public health emergency must supersede data privacy norms.

Please assure me that California will start aggressive COVID tracking.

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

*Sincerely,
Eric Babson*