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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about health policy. Personal decisions around public health are confusing and clear coherent guidance though doctors, health officers, FDA, CDC, WHO and political leaders is essential. Your failure to either lead or step aside for others to do so has now killed hundreds of thousands of people in the US and inflicted reintroduction by Americans on the rest of the world yet you continue to act as if this were a reality show judged by ratings not efficacy. Today this has entailed another subversion of the FDA through another emergency use authorization (this time for blood plasma rather than chloroquine) and of the CDC through a walkback of testing guidelines. Both will sow confusion and distrust of the very agencies we should be looking to for guidance. The result will be more deaths.

Please assure me that you will support expert health guidance.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson