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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about health policy. Personal decisions around public health are confusing and coherent guidance through doctors, health officers, EPA, FDA, CDC, WHO and political leaders is essential. The administration has failed to either lead or cede the job to others resulting so far in hundreds of thousands of deaths here and a huge reservoir to reintroduce coronavirus around the world. The FDA, CDC and EPA have all been coopted this past week with a blood plasma emergency authorization, advice against testing absent symptoms and emergency approval for an airplane disinfectant all counter to expert advice. This is sowing confusion and distrust of the very agencies we need for guidance and will result in more deaths.

Please assure me that you will stop political manipulation of agencies.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson