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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about fake vaccines. We all look forward to the world-wide deployment of an effective coronavirus vaccine but jumping the gun carries serious dangers. Besides the possible medical problems there is the cost to credibility that will make an effective vaccine much harder to sell after people have bought into a dud as well as the distraction from testing other treatments. We already have an antivax movement to overcome and after throwing your weight behind a failed drug (chloroquine) and a failed therapy (convalescent plasma) there is waning faith in yesterday's FDA announcement that we should be gearing up for a massive election eve vaccination. Rather than copy Russia's move last month of rolling out a propaganda vaccine we should be keeping involved in the hundreds of development schemes now underway by supporting such programs as Covax.

Please assure me that you will follow the science around vaccines.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson