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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about economic collapse. The epidemic our national leadership has brought is combining with decades of widening inequity and weakening social programs to threaten years of depression and huge increases in hunger and homelessness. Many state and local governments have worked to head this off but with the federal government working at cross purposes apart from a very helpful but now expired series of spending bills and states hamstrung by debt restrictions it is past time for federal action. There is also a looming self-imposed federal authorization problem for which Ms Pelosi and Secretary Mnuchin have reportedly reached a deal. These issues should be linked. There seems to be little reason to keep a federal government which is hanging out both its citizenry and constituent states to dry.

Please assure me that you will link the House COVID relief act with any continuing resolution.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson