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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about climate. Wednesday Berkeley never got light. There are fires sending refugees into Salem and Portland Oregon where my family lives. The past month we have had record heat here and around the country and simultaneous tropical storms in the gulf. Such combinations are becoming more frequent but the needed dramatic shifts in regulation of the energy and transportation sectors have been difficult with instead deregulation and disengagement from international attempts. There is some enthusiasm with a symbolic green new deal in the House and a nonbinding accord reached in Paris. These dramatic weather events are a chance to move policy (as Governor Newsom suggests) while climate is distracting people from your epidemic. With a bully pulpit and regulatory discretion you could play a significant role.

*Please assure me that you will use these disasters to reduce carbon.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson