

September 27, 2020
Eric Babson
babson@math.ucdavis.edu
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about societal schism. Our crisis is strikingly uneven. Those in my neighborhood - middle and upper class professionals with large employers - are weathering it with lower infection rates and the wherewithal to retire early or shift online. Middle and lower class service workers (owners and employees) are either working less (but enough for exposure) or suddenly unemployed. The former have savings, health insurance and salaries and may even be saving more than before. The latter are choosing between rent and food with many relying on eviction moratoria and food insecurity doubling. At the same time social distancing is leaving us even less aware of how others are living and which businesses are dying. Without another federal rescue now we may see a long term split eliminate a century of a growing middle class, increasing lifetimes and rising social mobility.

Please assure me that you will push for another economic rescue bill.

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

*Sincerely,
Eric Babson*