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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about herds. Your failure has left a quarter million Americans already dead and an ongoing epidemic. Your penchant for calling this devastation a win took a dangerous turn this week with a nod to herd immunity. If anywhere were suited to this approach it would be Sweden where rules are popular, families nuclear and distancing natural but their attempt has killed many times as many as the rest of Scandinavia. Even your own schedule has failed to protect the vulnerable as such an approach requires with mask-less high contact events filled by seniors so that it is likely that deaths will result from your own personal chain of infections even if the refusal to trace keeps them hidden. Choosing the result and then looking for a science major to support it (a bit like the originalist approach of choosing a verdict and then searching for supporting text) produces disastrous policy.

Please assure me that you will oppose the corona virus' goal of herd immunity.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson