Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about virus tracking. The DNA sequencing revolution has been driven by American research yet your complete failure to address COVID has even extended to collecting genetic data. The work of DeCODE Genetics in Iceland, Dr Bedford with your White House outbreak and groups in England and South Africa identifying more contagious variants show how helpful a phylogeny can be for understand a pandemic and responding appropriately. Here testing and data collection have been so scattershot that only one patient in 300 has had the variant they carry analyzed leaving us to fumble around in the dark.

Please assure me that you will let President Biden’s COVID team begin.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson