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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about HIV deaths.

Upon retaking office you hired Mr Musk to dance with a chain saw and arbitrarily destroy: 'the worlds richest man killing the worlds poorest children' to quote a previous record holder. Just destroying PEPFAR which President Bush and Dr Fauci built has already killed sixty thousand people - ten percent of them children - by suddenly cutting off access to essential treatments costing a dollar a week. The toll could reach into the millions and the epidemic be rekindled. Secretary Rubio at first promised to keep any 'life-saving' programs but this did not happen and last week in testimony to a House Committee he simply lied saying that no one has been killed. The horror of slaughtering people we had promised to sustain without warning or reason is remarkable. Please assure me that you will immediately reconstruct PEPFAR.

My pride in the US derives in part from our reliability.

Sincerely, Eric Babson