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## Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about flying blind.

Problems do not disappear by being ignored. Your early directives banned information sharing. NOAA is losing many who model weather. Secretary Lutnick has proposed removing government spending from GDP. The US cyber-security agency sent a memo ending monitoring of Russian cyber-attacks and reassigned those working on their threats to voting. NIH and USAID are losing many who monitor disease calling to mind your previous failures with sharing COVID information. DEI programs and monitoring are being dropped. The climate will continue to degrade; reducing federal production will still reduce production; Russian trolls will still break things here; pandemics will still emerge and bigotry will continue to thrive even - indeed particularly - when they are ignored.

Please assure me that you will support fact finding.

My pride in the US derives in part from our excellent data.

Sincerely, Eric Babson