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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for science.

Research has improved lives for centuries and the US government has led in organizing it for eighty years. The benefits are slow, unpredictable and dramatic - ideal for a large government and we have gained the worlds best and brightest, silicon valley and remarkable productivity. You are destroying this system. Agencies are now run by conspiracy theorists, research staffs have been haphazardly cut, DEI efforts to collect the best from all backgrounds have been stopped, existing grants and new applications have been frozen and institutions singled out for attack with half a billion blocked from Columbia yesterday. Science is international and as when soviet scientists were scattered around the world many will choose to work elsewhere but the disruption will be a huge loss for the world and considerably more so for the US.

Please assure me that you will support research.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson