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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about science.

For decades American science has had huge federal buy in and ideological freedom. The result is the envy of the world and the spin-offs, startups and concentration of intellect have benefited the world but the US particularly. Your attacks on both aspects threaten this success. Grants are being arbitrarily suspended to coerce institutions, make political points or just because. The UC system has reacted by freezing hiring and many young researchers are considering working in another field or country with Aix-Marseilles University already beckoning. Information - the lifeblood of science - is being scrubbed from government sites if it seems related to climate or gender. Drs Antin and Annechino were told to remove gender data from a paper. Stalin's views on the politics of evolution set Soviet biology back decades.

Please assure me that you will support research.

My pride in the US derives in part from our scientific leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson