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Dear Mr President:

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I am concerned about pandemic reprise.

A measles epidemic is spreading in the southwest while an H5N1 virus is wiping out chickens and creating a huge reservoir for human crossover. The delusional Secretary Kennedy has responded by terminating most immunization and infectious disease tracking grants, halting health agency disease monitoring reports, bizarrely ordering references to 'mRNA' scrubbed and firing a quarter of the department including thousands each from NIH, CDC and FDA with the SF office among those closing. The erstwhile head of the vaccine section cites 'misinformation and lies' as the guiding principle and the Secretary has ignored a bipartisan call to report to congress leaving only a sentence on social media about refocusing on chronic (rather than infectious?) disease and a note hailing the tenth of a percent cost savings.

Please assure me that you will learn from past failure.

My pride in the US derives in part from our health protections.

Sincerely, Eric Babson