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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear President Trump,

We write regarding the dire conditions facing hospitals, health care providers, and first responders in Massachusetts and across the country as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency. Our nation's health care system badly needs more resources to test, diagnose, and treat people. Until we meet these urgent needs by substantially increasing our medical capacities, we cannot send people back to work, and our economy will continue to suffer. As you should know, exposing more people to the virus, and causing them to be hospitalized or die from COVID-19 is a moral failure as well as an economic one.

There are a number of steps the federal government can and must take to ramp up production of medical equipment, test kits, personal protective equipment, and other desperately needed supplies, and we ask that you and your administration promptly harness the full power of the federal government to respond to this crisis.

Massachusetts COVID-19 Outbreak

On January 31, 2020, Massachusetts announced the first case of COVID-19.¹ Two presumptive positive cases were subsequently confirmed on March 2, 2020 and March 5, 2020.² Shortly thereafter, on March 10, the Commonwealth declared a state of emergency.³ On March 15, Massachusetts announced the closing of all public and private schools beginning on March 17.⁴ Earlier this week, on March 23, the Governor issued an emergency stay at home order closing all nonessential businesses and banning gatherings of more than 10 people.⁵ Coronavirus infections

¹ Letter from Monica Bharel, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health to Gary J. Kleinman, Regional Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, March 5, 2020, [https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/DPH%20letter%20to%20HHS%20re%20National%20Stockpile%203.5.20%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/DPH%20letter%20to%20HHS%20re%20National%20Stockpile%203.5.20%20(1).pdf).

² *Id.*

³ Mass.gov, "COVID-19 State of Emergency," <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency>.

⁴ Office of the Governor, "Order Temporarily Closing All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools," March 15, 2020, <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-school-closure-order/download>.

⁵ Office of the Governor, "Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People," March 23, 2020, <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-2020-essential-services-and-revised-gatherings-order/download>.

in the Commonwealth have grown exponentially to almost 800, with hundreds more under quarantine.⁶ Nine people have died from COVID-19 in Massachusetts to date.⁷

As these cases climb, Massachusetts hospitals and health care providers are facing or are imminently anticipating shortages of test kits, personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 and ensure that frontline workers do not risk infection or contribute to the spread of the virus.⁸

Massachusetts Frontline Providers Do Not Have Protective Gear

In the face of shortages of personal protective equipment, frontline providers across the states are being forced to combat a highly communicable disease without proper protection. Already, Brigham and Women's Hospital has confirmed that two of their health care workers contracted coronavirus⁹ and others have been forced to send dozens of employees home due to unnecessary exposure.¹⁰

Massachusetts hospitals are so desperate for equipment that they are seeking donations from dentists¹¹ and are considering cutting up paper gowns to serve as masks.¹² In some cases, hospitals in the Commonwealth are resorting to reusing N95 respirator masks, which are intended for one-time use, in order to conserve their limited supplies.¹³

Massachusetts doctors and nurses have spoken out about these shortages for weeks. Julie Pinkham, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, recently stated what we have known about this impending crisis for weeks: "We don't have enough PPE and we don't see any domestic production taking place A lot of our frontline people feel like sitting ducks right now."¹⁴

⁶ Mass.gov, "COVID-19 Cases, Quarantine, and Monitoring," <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Boston Herald, "Massachusetts hospitals face shortages of protective equipment in coronavirus outbreak," Lisa Kashinsky, March 14, 2020, <https://www.bostonherald.com/2020/03/14/massachusetts-hospitals-face-shortages-of-protective-equipment-in-coronavirus-outbreak/>.

⁹ WGBH News, "Boston Hospitals Reuse Masks As Testing Shortage Contributes to Supply Shortage," Gabrielle Emanuel, March 18, 2020, <https://www.wgbh.org/news/local-news/2020/03/18/boston-hospitals-reuse-masks-as-testing-shortage-contributes-to-supply-shortage>.

¹⁰ Boston Globe, "Mass. General Hospital provider tests positive for coronavirus; more providers in quarantine," Liz Kowalczyk and Priyanka Dayal McCluskey, March 16, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/16/nation/mass-general-hospital-provider-tests-positive-coronavirus-more-providers-quarantine/>.

¹¹ WBUR, "Mass. Companies Donating Supplies to Fight Coronavirus Outbreak," Barbara Moran, March 20, 2020, <https://www.wbur.org/commonhealth/2020/03/20/mass-biotech-industry-donating-supplies>.

¹² Boston Globe, "Shortage of protective equipment at hospitals threatens health care providers, as number of admitted patients rise," Priyanka Dayal McCluskey and Liz Kowalczyk, March 19, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/20/metro/shortage-protective-equipment-hospitals-threatens-health-care-providers-numbers-admitted-patients-rise/>.

¹³ Letter from Attorney General Maura Healey et al., to President Donald Trump, March 17, 2020, <https://www.mass.gov/doc/ag-letter-317/download>.

¹⁴ Commonwealth, "Hospitals crowdsource protective equipment," Shira Schoenberg, March 20, 2020, <https://commonwealthmagazine.org/health-care/hospitals-crowdsource-protective-equipment/>.

On March 5, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) requested protective equipment—including N95 respirator face masks, surgical masks, non-sterile gloves, eye protection, powered air purifying respirators, and surgical gowns—from the Strategic National Stockpile.¹⁵ But the state initially only received 10% of their request from the stockpile—with no guidance on when the next shipment would be received. Governor Baker stated “[j]ust tell us what the schedule is They have not given us a schedule.”¹⁶ Governor Baker’s office informed Senator Warren’s staff that, as of March 23, 2020, a second shipment had arrived, but that the state had still only received 17% of requested materials.

We led the Massachusetts congressional delegation on a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services requesting an update on the status of this request, but have yet to receive a response.¹⁷

Earlier this week, Massachusetts General Hospital President Peter Slavin summed up this urgent and desperate need on behalf of our doctors and nurses: “We wouldn’t want to send soldiers into war without helmets and armor. We don’t want to do the same with our health care workers.”¹⁸

Massachusetts Does Not Have Enough Testing Kits and Testing Supplies

Due to the federal government’s delay in the deployment of diagnostic test kits, Massachusetts was forced to issue narrow testing criteria and has been hampered in its ability to track and contain the spread of the coronavirus.¹⁹ As a result, the coronavirus has been able to spread widely and largely undetected. Massachusetts doctors have been frustrated by a pending backlog of tests and report having to turn away people whom they suspect of having the disease from being tested.²⁰

In the words of one Boston doctor and epidemiologist, “Right now, essentially we’re kind of flying blind We don’t know if the changes we’re making are helping or hindering. We

¹⁵ Letter from Monica Bharel, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health to Gary J. Kleinman, Regional Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, March 5, 2020, [https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/DPH%20letter%20to%20HHS%20re%20National%20Stockpile%203.5.20%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/DPH%20letter%20to%20HHS%20re%20National%20Stockpile%203.5.20%20(1).pdf).

¹⁶ Commonwealth Magazine, “Baker defends Trump comment on respirators,” Bruce Mohl, March 16, 2020, <https://commonwealthmagazine.org/health-care/baker-defends-trump-comment-on-respirators/>.

¹⁷ Elizabeth Warren, “Mass. Congressional Delegation Urges White House to Support Commonwealth’s Coronavirus Efforts,” Press Release, March 11, 2020, <https://www.warren.senate.gov/oversight/letters/mass-congressional-delegation-urges-white-house-to-support-commonwealths-coronavirus-efforts>.

¹⁸ Commonwealth Magazine, “Baker defends Trump comment on respirators,” Bruce Mohl, March 16, 2020, <https://commonwealthmagazine.org/health-care/baker-defends-trump-comment-on-respirators/>.

¹⁹ Boston Globe, “Long backlogs for coronavirus test results frustrate Mass. doctors,” Andrew Ryan and Kay Lazar, March 18, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/18/nation/national-shortage-swabs-limits-coronavirus-tests-seriously-ill-beth-israel-lahey/>.

²⁰ Boston Globe, “Severe shortage of tests blunts coronavirus response, Boston doctors say,” Andrew Ryan, Kay Lazar, and Liz Kowalczyk, March 12, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/12/nation/severe-shortage-tests-blunts-coronavirus-response-boston-doctors-say/>.

anticipate that they're helping, but until we actually have testing, it's hard to monitor and be able to anticipate what's coming next."²¹

And just as Massachusetts has been able to begin scaling up its testing capacity—after weeks of delay—hospitals across the Commonwealth are sounding alarms about shortages of key supplies needed to conduct tests. Hospitals have reported they are expecting a potential shortage of reagent kits needed to extract genetic material from the virus.²² They are also reporting a shortage of testing swabs, compounding these dire circumstances and pressuring doctors to make difficult decisions about how to administer tests.²³

The lack of adequate testing does not only affect patients and families as they wait for critical results while in isolation, it also forces nurses and physicians to use limited protective equipment for every patient interaction. As Massachusetts desperately awaits answers from the federal government, the Commonwealth is trying to make do. Massachusetts Biotechnology Council announced a “supply hub” for life sciences and medical organizations to donate needed supplies to be distributed across the Commonwealth.²⁴ But frontline medical providers fear this will not be enough.

Massachusetts May Not Have Enough Hospital Capacity

As this crisis continues and the virus grows exponentially, Massachusetts hospital systems will be overwhelmed by an influx of confirmed or presumed positive cases. A *Boston Globe* editorial notes that the virus could cause up to 400,000 hospitalizations in Massachusetts, but that the Massachusetts Hospital Association calculates “there are ... 14,596 staffed beds in Massachusetts’ acute care hospitals and only about 1,112 in various ICU units.”²⁵ This falls dramatically short of the number of beds that may be needed if the virus continues spreading at its current rate.

In addition, experts estimate that as many as 10% of COVID-19 patients may require ventilators; a sudden spike in need for this equipment could force hospitals into making tragic decisions

²¹ WGBH News, “Boston Hospitals Reuse Masks as Testing Shortage Contributes to Supply Shortage,” Gabrielle Emanuel, March 18, 2020, <https://www.wgbh.org/news/local-news/2020/03/18/boston-hospitals-reuse-masks-as-testing-shortage-contributes-to-supply-shortage>.

²² Boston Globe, “Severe shortage of tests blunts coronavirus response, Boston doctors say,” Andrew Ryan, Kay Lazar, and Liz Kowalczyk, March 12, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/12/nation/severe-shortage-tests-blunts-coronavirus-response-boston-doctors-say/>.

²³ Boston Globe, “Long backlogs for coronavirus test results frustrate Mass. doctors,” Andrew Ryan and Kay Lazar, March 18, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/18/nation/national-shortage-swabs-limits-coronavirus-tests-seriously-ill-beth-israel-lahey/>.

²⁴ Masslive, “Coronavirus response: Massachusetts enlists help of life sciences industry to get supplies for emergency personnel; Here’s what they need,” Steph Solis, March 21, 2020, <https://www.masslive.com/coronavirus/2020/03/coronavirus-response-massachusetts-enlists-of-help-of-life-sciences-industry-to-get-supplies-for-emergency-personnel-heres-what-they-need.html>.

²⁵ Boston Globe, “Hospitals on the front lines as pandemic takes hold,” Editorial Board, March 14, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/14/opinion/hospitals-must-now-plan-pandemics-worst/>.

about how to ration care.²⁶ In preparation for potential shortages, Massachusetts hospitals are beginning to “MacGyver[] new pieces of equipment together.”²⁷

Statewide Shortfalls Are a Result of the Administration’s Bungled COVID-19 Response

Massachusetts health care providers and public health leaders are doing everything they can to stem this crisis and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. But you and your Administration have failed them at every turn.

Over the course of two months, you ignored the epidemic and pretended that it was under control. You were unable to develop and distribute tests in a timely fashion, and repeatedly lied to the country about whether and when they would be available. You dithered on declaring a national emergency because it would “contradict[t] [your] message.” Your Administration was unable to effectively use the Strategic National Stockpile to provide critical resources to cities, states, and hospitals. You did not activate the Army Corps of Engineers to build and develop medical infrastructure in a timely fashion. And as the pandemic continues to spread exponentially nationwide, you are still, to this day, refusing to use your authority under the *Defense Production Act* to engage the technological and manufacturing might of the private sector to produce much-needed respirators, ventilators, and other medical equipment. This is a tragic record that has already resulted in an economic catastrophe and that endangers millions of Americans.

Failure to Treat the Crisis with Urgency from the Outset

Your Administration has mismanaged this outbreak from the start, falsely claiming through January, February, and into March that it was “very well under control,” that it “[i]t’s going to disappear,” and that “[i]t’s very mild” and “[i]t will go away.”²⁸ It did not go away—instead, it spread throughout the nation undetected—because your Administration botched the job of developing and producing enough tests. But instead of being honest with the American public about this failure, you and your Administration unloaded a fusillade of untruths, insisting that “[t]here is no testing kit shortage, nor has there ever been,” and that “[a]nybody that wants a test can get a test,” and more. Those statements were not true then, and they are still not true today.²⁹

Delays in Issuing an Emergency Declaration

Even after it became clear that the pandemic could be catastrophic, you refused to declare a national emergency—a move that would have activated the Federal Emergency Management

²⁶ Washington Post, “Spiking U.S. coronavirus cases could force rationing decisions similar to those made in Italy, China,” Ariana Eunjung Cha, March 15, 2020, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/03/15/coronavirus-rationing-us/>.

²⁷ Boston Herald, “Massachusetts hospitals facing coronavirus get ‘creative’ as ventilator shortages loom,” Sean Philip Cotter, March 19, 2020, <https://www.bostonherald.com/2020/03/19/massachusetts-hospitals-facing-coronavirus-get-creative-as-ventilator-shortages-loom/>.

²⁸ New York Times, “A Complete List of Trump’s Attempts to Play Down Coronavirus,” David Leonhardt, March 15, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/15/opinion/trump-coronavirus.html>.

²⁹*Id.*

Agency (FEMA), created new funding and resources for states to contain the virus, and given new authority to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar to waive key regulations to speed the response—reportedly because it “contradict[ed] [your] message that this is the flu.”³⁰ Weeks too late, on March 13, 2020, you made the emergency declaration—the same day that you stated that “I don’t take responsibility at all” for the failures to contain the outbreak.³¹

Mismanaging Deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile

Your Administration has also badly mismanaged the availability of critical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile, which is specifically designed to allow HHS to distribute equipment “for use in a public health emergency severe enough to cause local supplies to run out.”³² This is exactly such a health emergency—and governors have responded by asking for supplies. Instead, they have been met with weeks of delays—and then received a pitifully small response. Florida received everything it asked for—but states like New York, Washington, and Massachusetts, with much larger outbreaks, have not.³³ Massachusetts, as of March 23, 2020, had received only approximately 17% of requested materials.

Your response to this fiasco was to mock the situation, telling reporters that, “[t]he Federal government is not supposed to be out there buying vast amounts of items and then shipping. You know, we’re not a shipping clerk.”³⁴

In fact, your Administration appears to be doing worse than nothing and actively preventing states from obtaining necessary equipment. Following a recommendation from you for states to seek out their own supplies, Massachusetts state officials attempted to purchase necessary supplies on their own, but they were outbid by the federal government on three separate occasions.³⁵ In a second call with governors on March 19, 2020, Governor Baker raised this concern with you directly, stating: “We took seriously the push you made not to rely on the stockpile I got to tell you we lost to the feds If states are doing what the feds want and trying to create their own supply chain, then people should be responsive. I’ve got a feeling that if somebody has a chance to sell to you or to me, I’m going to lose every one of those.”³⁶

³⁰ Politico, “Trump fears emergency declaration would contradict coronavirus message,” Anita Kumar, March 11, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/11/trump-emergency-declaration-coronavirus-message-125902>.

³¹ Politico, “I don’t take responsibility at all’: Trump deflects blame for coronavirus testing fumble,” Caitlyn Oprysko, March 13, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/13/trump-coronavirus-testing-128971>.

³² Public Health Emergency, “Strategic National Stockpile,” <https://www.phe.gov/about/sns/Pages/default.aspx>.

³³ ProPublica, “Here’s Why Florida Got All the Emergency Medical Supplies It Requested While Other States Did Not,” Lydia DePillis et al., March 20, 2020, <https://www.propublica.org/article/heres-why-florida-got-all-the-emergency-medical-supplies-it-requested-while-other-states-did-not>.

³⁴ Politico, “We’re not a shipping clerk’: Trump tells governors to step up efforts to get medical supplies,” Quint Forgey, March 19, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/19/trump-governors-coronavirus-medical-supplies-137658>.

³⁵ Bloomberg, “Trump Told Governors to Buy Own Virus Supplies, Then Outbid Them,” Jordan Fabian, March 19, 2020, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-19/trump-told-governors-to-buy-own-virus-supplies-then-outbid-them>.

³⁶ WBUR, “Gov. Baker Asks President Not to Outbid States on COVID-19 Supplies,” Deborah Becker, March 20, 2020, <https://www.wbur.org/news/2020/03/20/charlie-baker-donald-trump-coronavirus-medical-supplies>.

Delayed Deployment of the Army Corps of Engineers

To add to the ongoing disfunction, you have also failed to fully use two powerful Department of Defense tools at your disposal. First, your long-delayed emergency declaration allowed you to finally activate the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) nationwide, and you could have tasked them to strengthen the federal response to the coronavirus crisis. The Corps can conduct assessments of facilities for emergency access by COVID-19 patients and build and bolster hospitals and other critical public facilities. But the Corps was not fully deployed in New York until March 18, 2020,³⁷ as of March 20, 2020, they “have begun” discussions with Governor Baker’s office about assistance, and your Administration had still not deployed the Corps nationwide.³⁸

Failure to Use the Defense Production Act

Finally, you have refused to use your full authority to compel the private sector to produce critical medical supplies under the *Defense Production Act* (DPA). Under the DPA, you can incentivize or require businesses to prioritize production of critical materials, including health products and allocate the distribution of critical materials.³⁹ This is an extraordinary powerful tool, allowing you to quickly harness and use American’s scientific, technological, and manufacturing might to address this public health crisis and provide needed equipment for hospitals, health care providers, and first responders. It could have been invoked months ago to address a shortage of ventilators, respirators, and other protective gear. But you have failed to effectively use this authority.

On March 18, 2020, after weeks of calls from members of Congress, you finally signed an Executive Order invoking the DPA,⁴⁰ but then immediately tweeted out that you still saw no need to use any of its powers, stating “I only signed the Defense Production Act to combat the Chinese Virus should we need to invoke it in a worst case scenario in the future. Hopefully there will be no need”⁴¹

At a press conference on March 21, 2020, you attempted to explain your bewildering refusal to act, saying “we have so many companies making so many products ... without having to use the Act. ... we have so many things being made right now We’ve never seen anything like it”⁴²

³⁷ DefenseNews, “US leaders debate using Army Corps of Engineers in coronavirus fight,” March 18, 2020, Joe Gould, <https://www.defensenews.com/global/the-americas/2020/03/18/us-leaders-debate-using-army-corps-of-engineers-in-coronavirus-fight/>.

³⁸ Boston Globe, “Second Mass. Person dies of coronavirus, state says,” Laura Crimaldi and John Hilliard, March 21, 2020, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/21/metro/bridgewater-prison-inmate-tests-positive-coronavirus-officials-say/?event=event12>.

³⁹ Pub. L. 81-774.

⁴⁰ White House, “Executive Order on Prioritizing and Allocating Health and Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19,” March 18, 2020, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-prioritizing-allocating-health-medical-resources-respond-spread-covid-19/>.

⁴¹ Donald Trump Tweet, March 18, 2020, <https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump/status/1240391871026864130>.

⁴² The White House, “Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing,” March 21, 2020,

Not one part of this statement appears to be correct. There is no evidence that the voluntary approach is causing anything but chaos, and “the governors of multiple states and other leaders made urgent pleas on Sunday for masks and other protective equipment to help fight the swelling outbreak.”⁴³

In fact, a disturbing report in the *New York Times* earlier this week revealed that you chose not to fully use the DPA because you placed the interests of big corporations ahead of the economic and public health of ordinary Americans:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the heads of major corporations have lobbied the administration against using the act. ...Mr. Trump and the director of his national economic council, Larry Kudlow, as well as Mr. Kushner, were persuaded by those arguments, administration officials said.⁴⁴

As cases grow exponentially, your Administration’s response is failing. Hospitals “don’t have reagents for the diagnostic kits, they don’t have swabs for the kits, they don’t have the N95 masks, they’re running out of gowns and gloves” and your Administration’s response appears to be getting worse, developing into a “chaotic situation in which leaders” are unable to “focus on longer-term challenges.”⁴⁵

Yesterday, FEMA Administrator Peter Gaynor indicated that the Administration would invoke the DPA—but still not use its full power and authority, instead using it only “narrowly as ‘leverage.’”⁴⁶

Conclusion

At a March 19, 2020 press conference, you asserted that “we’ve done a phenomenal job on this” response to the COVID-19 pandemic.⁴⁷ This statement is mind-boggling and not consistent with the facts on the ground in Massachusetts and across the country. You ignored the threat of this virus until it was too late to stop it and failed to ensure there was adequate testing to track it as it spread. You were unable or unwilling to give cities, states, and medical professionals the help they need to keep American families safe. And you continue to dither and ignore the few tools

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-vice-president-pence-members-coronavirus-task-force-press-briefing-7/>.

⁴³ New York Times, Governors Plead for Masks and Ventilators, and Trump Outlines Response, March 22, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/22/world/coronavirus-updates-world-usa.html?action=click&module=RelatedLinks&pgtype=Article#link-5d073249>.

⁴⁴ New York Times, Trump Bets Business Will Answer Call to Fight Virus, But Strategy Bewilders Firms, March 23, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/22/us/politics/coronavirus-trump-defense-production-act.html>.

⁴⁵ Politico, “Short-term thinking plagues Trump’s coronavirus response,” March 21, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/21/short-term-thinking-trump-coronavirus-response-140883>.

⁴⁶ Politico, “Trump Will Use Defense Production Act to Secure Thousands of Test Kits,” March 24, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/24/trump-administration-defense-production-act-146070>.

⁴⁷ The White House, “Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing,” March 19, 2020, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-vice-president-pence-members-coronavirus-task-force-press-briefing-6/>.

you still have available to mitigate the damage and ensure that hospitals, health care providers, and first responders have the materials and equipment they need to respond to the challenge. Your multitude of failures has resulted in an unimaginable economic collapse and a public health catastrophe, in Massachusetts and nationwide.

On behalf of the American people, you must do better.

Sincerely,



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