Dear [Senator/Representative]:

I’m writing to you to urge your attention and decisive enactment of bipartisan legislation to suppress, mitigate, and eradicate the impact of COVID-19. This global pandemic has destructively impacted health and wellbeing, individual and corporate life, our local and national economy, and the global community. The present crisis is exceeded only by evidence based expectation that without a vaccine, the virus will wreck future havoc and unresolvable loss to the quality and manner of life we cherish in our nation. Your leadership role equips you to expedite consistent, inclusive, comprehensive policies and practices toward restoration of health and the economy.

I write to you as a person of Christian faith and member of the Philadelphia Baptist Association of the American Baptist Churches, USA. My commitment to social justice and my personal faith inform my commitment to live responsibly with hope in this insecure time. I now ask Federal, State and Municipal governments, leaders, and agencies to fully exercise your critically important power to be change agents for good.

As of May 27, 2020 more than 100,000 persons have died from COVID-19 in the USA. In the state of PA, COVID-19 cases number 69,417 with 5,265 deaths. Scientific data confirms the high death rate among the elderly, poor, marginalized, and front-line workers who courageously risk their lives daily. Today, when southeastern PA hopes to re-open into the “yellow phase”, testing remains minimal, contact tracing is at best only beginning, effective quarantine is inconsistent particularly for the poor, aging, and vulnerable, and vaccine availability and accessibility seems a precarious hope in 2020.

Specifically, I request you to listen to and learn from the epidemiological scientific community’s wisdom and expertise; to engage and enact bipartisan legislation focused on personhood, not politics; and to procure accelerated testing, antibody testing, and contact tracing now. I urge you to appropriate and distribute funding and resources; to prioritize safety of children and the aging; to alleviate food scarcity; and to sustain economic solvency for the unemployed, COVID patients, and at risk persons/families.

I look to you to fulfill your elected/appointed responsibility to represent each person in your jurisdiction including the underserved, uninsured, overlooked, working poor, marginalized and excluded to ensure access and availability of services for all people.

I look forward to receiving your feedback and learning opportunities you may provide of ways I can join/support your efforts to resolve this crisis. Thank you in peace and hope.

Sincerely,
[Name and date]

(your contact email or phone number)