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The Honorable Senator Richard Pan

State Capitol, Room 5114

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Pan,

I would like to commend you for your stance on vaccination and for making righteous decisions despite public opposition. I saw the video in which you were followed and pushed by an anti-vaxxer. While in general, it is best to act in the will of the people, it is sometimes better to act against the people under certain circumstances. While many have sent you death threats and racial slurs, going so far as to calling you a “corrupt big pharma representative”, you have endorsed vaccinations for children because you know it will protect them.

Looking back, the courage you have demonstrated is an admirable trait and something I seek in myself. Again, despite being pushed, you did not fight back, and you maintained your composure well despite being berated. While we can’t control what others believe, it is important for us to understand that the truth isn’t always going to be democratic. For example, you and I could both vote on what we think the gender of a rabbit is, but our votes wouldn’t change or determine the gender of the rabbit as it is. I would like to end this letter off by wishing you well and I hope to see you keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Santiago Bermudez