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Please respond.

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Dear Dr. Fauci;

I am a toxicologist and have spent time, years ago, working in the arena of oncogenic virology as part of NCI programs. I am very concerned about what I see in the news media about the NIH approach to the COVID-19 pandemic (yes, pandemic) that has arrived in our country. There is much talk about development of a vaccine, however, I believe that this is a long-term strategy. You and I both know, from working as scientists, that the development and trial of an antiviral vaccine is a months-long program, at best. I am surprised, even disappointed, that there seems to be no visible focus on the part of the NIH on the development of anti-viral treatments (drugs etc) . It is my professional opinion that anti-virals would take a shorter time to develop than vaccines, yet it appears that this may be a back burner focus of NIH.

I realize that there are many political pressures on your office and I support your strong efforts to apply science to the resolution of this growing problem. Please do not give short shrift to the potential of antiviral treatments in favor of the longer-term promise of a vaccine.

Respectfully yours,

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