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Dear Dr Fauci,

My name is Saahil, and I'm a director at Cal Hacks, a student organization at the University of California, Berkeley. This upcoming weekend, we will be hosting [hack:now](#), a 36-hour global online hackathon to foster innovative and technical solutions to tackle the challenges faced around the current COVID-19 pandemic. We're projected to have 1,500 participants from around the world. I'm reaching out to invite you to be our opening ceremony speaker.

Specifically, this Friday night, April 24, from 7-8pm Pacific Daylight Time, we're going to be hosting the opening ceremony of our event. At this time, we want to inspire our hackers to help solve global challenges related to health and community. **We would be absolutely honored if you would join us to speak at our opening ceremony for just a few minutes to share your experiences with and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Your unique perspective and expanse of knowledge makes you the most qualified person, and we would be humbled to include you as our opening ceremony speaker. Please let us know if you are able to accept this invitation.