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Your arguments are solid.

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Dear Dr. Fauci,

I am a postdoc researcher working at LSU health sciences center In New Orleans. I would like to communicate my concern about the COVID19 in the US.

I am Italian and my partner is Chinese and we have been carefully following the COVID19 spread first in China and now in Italy and Europe. Based on my scientific and personal knowledge I am confident to say that the US is only few weeks ahead of What is happening in Italy now and this could only be stopped if strict measures will be taken in the entire country as soon as possible.

If you have the power, I ask you to please try to convince the government to apply such measures, even if this means to shut down the entire country for some weeks. I know that the economy and money interests are what often prevents to take such decision, but in this case we are talking about life and death and we cannot risk this high price.

We have a very clear example of how severe the COVID19 can be if we do not act on time and this is unfortunately my country at this time. We also have a good example, China, in which very aggressive measures have been applied and, despite some delay in their application at first, they now have reached a strong regression in the virus spread and they gradually can restart the country. China measures were to close every city borders, close working places and every non essential activity. They asked the population to stay at home and go out only for food and health emergencies. I think this is what we should do in US too.

A recent study from Italy in which they tested every person in one Italian city showed that the 50-70% of the people positive for the virus were asymptomatic. This is such an important information that tells us the only way to prevent the spread is to prevent the people from moving because we cannot really know who is carrying the virus. Also, screening is important and should be ideally extended to everyone. https://www.repubblica.it/salute/medicina-e-ricerca/2020/03/16/news/coronavirus_studio_il_50-75_dei_casi_a_vo_sono_asintomatici_e_molto_contagiosi-251474302/