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Director Redfield,

We are reaching out to request that the CDC brief Members of Congress from Orange County and Los Angeles about the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), as well as efforts to stop the spread of the virus, develop a vaccine, and to treat those infected. This past weekend, we received confirmation that there were cases of the coronavirus found in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties. This has caused grave concern and constituent questions in our communities.

To date, the coronavirus has spread rapidly across China, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Canada, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal, the United States, and France. At least 81 people have died in China from the coronavirus, and more than 2,700 others have been infected across the world, including five confirmed cases in the United States. More than 60 additional Americans are being tested for the disease. We are deeply concerned that this number will only continue to rise without robust efforts to stop the virus from spreading.

While at home during the district work period, we saw the panic that this caused for so many of our residents. For example, the vibrant Chinese community in Orange County was unfortunately forced to cancel their Lunar New Year celebrations out of fear of the virus spreading. Our government has a responsibility to residents of southern California and to Americans across the country to swiftly respond to this growing threat.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to hearing from you very soon and to learning about the CDC's plan for mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

Sincerely,



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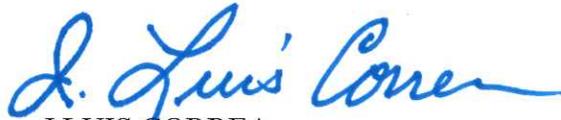
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