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## I just can't.

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Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:55 AM

To: "Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP"

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I can't be part of this with these people who believe in herd immunity and believe we are fine with only protecting the 1.5M Americans in LTCF and not the 80M + with co-morbidities in the populations included the unacceptable death toll among Native Americans, Hispanics and Blacks. With our current mitigation scenario we end up near 300K by Christmas and 500K by the time we have vaccine – close to the 600K live lost with 1918 Flu. We have worked to find a path that is the least disruptive to the economy but moves us under R1 and saves both the economy and American lives. Without masks and social distancing in public and homes we end up with twice as many deaths – we are a very unhealthy nation with a lot of obesity etc – we will never look as good as even Sweden due to our co-morbidities. These are people who believe that all the curves are predetermined and mitigation is irrelevant – they are a fringe group without grounding in epidemics, public health or on the ground common sense experience. I am happy to go out of town or whatever gives the WH cover for Weds. Perhaps do Annapolis and meet with Hogan. Fauci and I could probably do it together – I am open to options. Deb

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Attached for your review are draft remarks for the President for Wednesday's meeting with medical experts.

Please review and send all feedback to STAFF SEC by 11 a.m. tomorrow, August 25.

Thank you,

STAFF SEC

## **Medical Experts Roundtable**

It is my pleasure to welcome many renowned doctors to the White House as we discuss our science-based strategy to defeating the China Virus.

With us today are Dr. Scott Atlas, along with Dr. Jay Bhattacharya [Bought-A-Charya] from Stanford, Dr. Joseph Ladapo from UCLA, Dr. Martin Kulldorff from Harvard, and Dr. Cody Meissner from Tufts.

As our scientists make incredible progress to develop therapeutics and a vaccine, we are sheltering those at high-risk, and enabling healthy Americans to safely go back to work and school:

- We are sparing no expense to protect the elderly. We are providing over \$10 billion dollars, multiple shipments of PPE, and rapid point-ofcare testing devices to 14,500 nursing homes.
- We are preventing hospital overcrowding. The hospitalization rate for the virus has been reduced by half since April.
- 3 vaccine candidates are in their final stage of clinical trials.
- Earlier this week, the FDA issued an emergency use authorization for convalescent plasma, which will save many lives.
- Thanks to advances in treatments, the Virus is 85% less fatal than it was in April.

There are some politicians who are calling for unending lockdowns. That is not a science based approach – and it would inflict grave harm on our children and our entire society.

Our strategy is not based on fear, but on the facts, the science, and the data. Dr. Atlas, would you say a few words? [Dr. Atlas Speaks]