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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Trump,

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA), is a non-political, non-religious Educational and Charitable organization representing American healthcare professionals of Arabic heritage.

Our members are engaged in healthcare delivery throughout the US, many in underserved areas, in direct contact with patients affected with the COVID-19. Several of our members and their families were or are currently infected by the virus as a result of being in the frontline.

The US is the most advanced and prosperous country in the world. Americans are well informed and compliant, and our American hospitals and healthcare centers are the best equipped in the world. However, this devastating pandemic has resulted in a large number of infections, numerous lost lives, and major economic impact despite great and timely efforts exerted by your administration in the absence of any external limitations and obstacles.

Mr. President, many countries in the world lack the resources available in the US and this pandemic will devastate them especially those subject to economic sanctions imposed by the US and its allies. Several of these countries are the birthplaces of many of us and their citizens are our parents, siblings, relative, and friends.

Our role as healthcare providers calls on us to ask you to temporarily lift the sanctions on all countries currently sanctioned, to allow them to obtain needed supplies, medications, and equipment to help preserve the lives within their borders and to limit spreading the virus to neighboring countries.

Mr. President, we implore you and your administration to display the utmost humanitarian and compassionate action to demonstrate to the world, the spirit of America that you so often proudly express.

Best regards,

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