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The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing to you regarding my concern about the appointment of Ron Klain as the federal government's chief Ebola response coordinator ("czar"), and to respectfully request that you reconsider this appointment.

While Mr. Klain has a noted background as a lawyer in both federal and private sector management, he does not possess experience in healthcare – either as a medical professional or a healthcare-related administrator. The Ebola virus is more than a challenge of bureaucracy. Dealing with it effectively requires an expert understanding of both pathogens and medical infrastructure. Mr. Klain's credentials do not appear to meet these criteria. For this reason, and with a shared concern for the protection of American lives, I request that you withdraw the appointment of Ron Klain as Ebola response coordinator and consider, and vet, candidates who have experience in some capacity in the healthcare field.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Kenny Marchant
Member of Congress