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Dear Mr. Klain:

Congratulations on your recent appointment by President Obama to oversee the federal government's response to the Ebola virus outbreak. As we discussed earlier today, I would like to draw your attention to policies recently put in place in Connecticut that I strongly believe would benefit the entire country if adopted federally.

After a Yale University graduate student was hospitalized in New Haven with Ebola-like symptoms, Governor Dannel Malloy and Public Health Commissioner Jewel Mullen demonstrated remarkable leadership in issuing guidance to preemptively protect the public. Although the student has fortunately tested negative for the virus, Connecticut's precautions provide an excellent model for other states and the federal government in crafting their own responses.

Under the Connecticut guidance, all travelers from countries affected by the outbreak, and all people who have had contact with a person who has Ebola, are subject to a 21 day quarantine in their homes. During this time, they are expected twice daily to take their temperature and to speak with a public health worker to ensure that they are not exhibiting symptoms that warrant additional care. Connecticut is also requiring that anyone who has potentially been exposed to the virus and is exhibiting Ebola-like symptoms be placed into isolation at a hospital. I urge national health leaders to follow Connecticut's lead and adopt similarly stringent standards, particularly at points of entry like ports and airports. Although these rules may seem aggressive, it is essential that our national leaders take appropriate action to address the ongoing threat of Ebola in the country.

I thank you for your continued service to the United States, and I look forward to working with you to ensure that our health system has the resources it needs to treat patients at risk and appropriately protect the public health.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate