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Dear Hon. Bethune,

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University is publishing timely, short essays to address pressing policy questions affecting Congress, state and local governments, and the American economy.

Below you will find the Mercatus Center's latest published research. **I am happy to answer any questions and connect you with our scholars to discuss their work further.**

New Mercatus Resources on the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- **No More State and Local Government Bailouts**
  - Although state and local tax revenues are in decline due to the dramatic curtailment of economic activity, the federal government should not look to bail out struggling governments. Rather, states should look at reforms tailored to their individual needs during this economic crisis.

- **Federal Pandemic Relief Could End the Interstate Economic Development Arms Race**
  - States are increasingly looking for federal funds to keep state programs running. However, protections are needed to ensure that money isn't used for corporate subsidies to attract new economic development.

- **Virtual Briefing: Conducting the Census Under Risk of Contagion**
  - The US Constitution mandates that a decennial census take place in 2020. This short virtual briefing describes how the 2020 census will provide a biosafety model for in-person interaction with customers that businesses can emulate. (Length: 15 minutes)

Should you have any questions, would like to learn more about these issues, or would like to speak to the authors, please reply to this email and I will be happy to facilitate a conversation.

Sincerely,

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