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Dear Editor

There have been many letters since the start of this pandemic that have irrationally attacked our President's leadership and response. President Trump took early decisive action to stop air travel from China by January 31st, 10 days after the first case was discovered in the USA. The first death from the Wuhan virus occurred in WA in late February. By March 13th, our President announced a national state of emergency and funding to combat the virus. Since that date the Trump administration has done everything possible to combat this horrible pandemic. His entire team has done an outstanding job. During the 2009 H1N1 "swine flu" epidemic, President Obama didn't call for a national emergency until after 1,000 people had already died, including 100 children. To put things in perspective, as the CDC reported on the 2009 swine flu epidemic: it "estimated there were 60.8 million cases (range: 43.3-89.3 million), 274,304 hospitalizations (range: 195,086-402,719), and 12,469 deaths (range: 886818,306) in the USA." Now is the time to stand united as Americans to do our best for each other to combat this virus. Now is not the time to engage in partisan politics or unhelpful finger pointing.

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