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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am concerned by the federal tax changes. The kleptocratic budget reconciliation bill just passed by congress will create perverse incentives, shift vast sums from those in need to those who are not and disproportionately hurt Californians. While the haste involved in passing this bill has resulted in only rough analyses it seems clear that the changes in state tax deductions will particularly affect California and other changes such as international sales tax reductions and incentives to launder income through corporate and pass-through entities might do so also. It also appears that the effect will be to have less federal and state money available to keep our society running. This looks like corruption with huge profits flowing directly to the president not to mention Senator Corker. This looks like oligarchy with existing inequalities being further increased. this looks like a federal power grab with states such as California losing some control over its governance.

Please assure me that California will challenge this tax bill.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our rational progressive policies.

Sincerely, Eric Babson