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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about homelessness. The growing income gap is driving a housing affordability gap throughout the country, but the bay area is particularly affected. Recent estimates for SF of 170K\$ a year to own a home or 50\$ an hour just to rent one along with reports of dozens of applicants for each unit is a recent lottery all point to a serious shortage and the growth of tent encampments despite more than a decade of government focus is discouraging. Federally many things are moving backward making this the time for the state to step up its game. HUD has seen stunning cuts proposed and serious increases in rents for the poorest. The budget reconciliation tax bill has changed incentives so that expectations of affordable construction have dropped. Governor Brown has put forward a great starting point for budget discussions.

Thank you for putting forward a serious housing proposal yesterday.

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

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson