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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about homelessness. The growing income gap is driving a national housing crisis, but the bay area is particularly affected. Recent estimates for SF of 170K\$ a year to own or 50\$ an hour just to rent a home along with reports of dozens of applicants for each unit in a recent lottery point to a serious shortage. The city has spent a decade focusing on the issue but tent encampments still grow. Federally many things are moving backward with stunning cuts proposed to HUD and serious subsidy decreases for the poorest along with the changes in construction incentives in the budget reconciliation tax bill. Your recent budget proposal is a great starting point but now is the time for the state to step up and lead around housing.

Please assure me that you will support a housing proposal along the lines Senator Skinner suggested this week.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson