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Dear Governor Newsom:

Thank you for the strong statement on health care. California is clearly large enough operate as a nation and there is now a federal vacuum. For at least a decade Republicans have shown no interest in the national welfare and the past two years have been particularly destructive. The State Department, the EPA and the brand new CFPB among others - once among the world's premier institutions - have been decimated by hiring freezes and a mix of incompetent and corrupt leaders sidelining the experts. The past three weeks show that things are only getting worse. Since the days when Republicans held California hostage ended this state has become a model of rational governance and it is past time to be taking on the functions abandoned federally. Governor Brown began with steps around climate change and immigration (through the sanctuary law). Around health SB-562 was encouraging, but lacking high level support it was never fleshed out. Thank you for the immediate move to expand medical care.

Please assure me you will not await federal action for essential services.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson