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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about xenophobia. Fear-mongering against immigrants has always existed with cultural and linguistic differences making them easy targets but the attacks now emanating from the federal government are the worst of my lifetime. Such attitudes split and weaken our society. They also increase suspicion of authorities making the job of the state more difficult and sometimes even more dangerous. California needs to do everything possible to calm such fears. The sanctuary bill and its aggressive enforcement are key but so is implementation of the new access rules for police records (SB 1421). The use of National Guard, military and of course a wall along the border are not only a wasteful show to stroke the president's ego. They increase mistrust of officials. Even if the National Guard contingent is small shifting them to productive work for the community sends the message that California is interested in governing rather than terrorizing.

*Thank you for pulling the National Guard from the US border.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson