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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about presidential power. Many bills, court decisions and precedents have ceded constitutional powers of congress and states to the federal executive. The current administration is proving the exact contours of this power and needs to be restrained. From the first days in office the plenary power over immigration based on a mix of court actions and congressional inaction has been seriously abused to block visitors and terrorize millions of Californians. Arbitrary moves to force California into complicity have included attacks on sanctuary laws, emissions standards, health insurance rules, student loan servicing and sexual identity tests for National Guard service. This week the power to declare fake emergencies is being tested with the 1983 Chadha ruling magnifying statutory power. I am curious to see whether California's suit will prompt the court to assert review authority over clearly fraudulent abuses.

Thank you for your consistent defense of California and our values.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson