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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about fire. House insurance is hard to get here and the neighborhood group drills for fire evacuation. The innate danger is increased by the changing climate and PG&E. Since my letter in January the company has continued to focus on short term bottom line questions over those of catastrophic risk. They appointed a management team whose history you called out for cost cutting and stock payouts at the expense of safety and the current pruning is only by order of Judge Alsup. Today there was a long article about their culture of actively ignoring safety issues with a focus on the experiences of fired whistle blower Hearn over the past two years. Apparently reclosers have been aggressively installed to reduce maintenance but increase fires without even the shut off systems other California utilities use. This month Berkeley Mayor Arreguin signed a letter advocating a cooperative arrangement to shift priorities.

Please assure me that you will make PG&E publicly accountable.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson