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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about housing. The bay area has long had problems with too little construction, persistently increasing homelessness and private equity money leaving properties empty or mismanaged. The epidemic threatens to exacerbate these problems particularly now that supplemental unemployment benefits and eviction moratoria are ending. This will leave people unable to pay rent or mortgages and exposed to eviction with equity firms both more apt to evict and ready to snap up distressed properties while lives are turned upside down and our shanty towns swell. The first moratorium was helpful but did not cover all properties, left the burden of proof with renters and ended on a fixed date unconnected to progress against COVID.

Thank you for introducing legislation with Senator Warren and Mr Garcia to protect renters.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our quality of life.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson