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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned for federalism.

Your leaked and oft threatened plans to drastically reduce federal funding of Medi-Cal, public health grants and the University of California threaten the structure of the country. You are leveraging for political talking points the trillions of dollars collected from people in the various states and then distributed according to both population and need to more local governments. Your moves are clearly vindictive and will drive support for Governor Newsom's hints at shifting to a looser union with California taking taxes from our residents directly. This would lose the efficiencies of centralization, shift another eighty billion a year to California, weaken the federal government and increase the economic divide between the coasts and the interior.

*Please assure me that you will govern equitably.*

My pride in the US derives in part from our union.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson