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Dear Mr Secretary:

I am very concerned by vote suppression. The voting rights act has been a great boon to our democracy. Since the supreme court's 2013 enforcement rollback many states have worked to discourage voting. I am pleased to see the California is not among them. Secretary Kobach pushed this attack on democracy in Kansas under the fraud moniker and is now working to expand this nationally. His commission's vague and sweeping request for voter information was a frightening first move. This would likely make the information public and calls to mind the vigilante vote monitoring advocated for by Mr Trump and seen in some places during the 2016 election. More than forty states have now refused this request. You were among the first to respond with a strongly worded letter and I credit you with emboldening other secretaries of state to follow suit.

Thank you for defending the integrity of our voting system.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our leadership in rational progressive policies.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson