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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about drug pricing. Our health system is amazingly effective in many ways. However there are persistent problems with access and with alignment of personal and societal benefits. Drug pricing is one place where both of these problems are clear. Many uninsured or poorly insured people are unable to afford drugs they know would help. Good friends of my family lost a son to this injustice. Prices are notoriously unstable with monopolies allowing arbitrary shifts research money is focused on drugs with large markets even when the improvement in effectiveness will be slight. Our current federal government is corrupt and ineffective, leaving to states the task of regulation. This is new legal territory which should be explored.

Thank you for supporting SB 17.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson