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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned by plutocracy. Equality has defined American government since the 1600's. This has created the American dream. It has enabled the best and brightest to make scientific and business ideas into realities. It has created the most prosperous and egalitarian nation the world has seen. The tax bill being considered in the Senate would erode this equality in several ways. It will directly reduce taxes on the wealthy, with half of the welfare going to the wealthiest one percent, particularly benefiting those who do nothing productive for this wealth. It rewards birth over ability by eliminating estate taxes. It reduces social mobility by making education even less accessible to the poor. It greatly expands the deficit providing more pressure on congress to further cut social programs. Besides its clear immorality this bill will weaken our country.

Please assure me that work to stop this tax bill.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our egalitarian history.

Sincerely, Eric Babson