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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned by the federal tax changes. The kleptocratic budget reconciliation bill just signed will create perverse incentives, shift vast sums from those in need to those who are not and disproportionately hurt Californians. While the haste involved in passing this bill has resulted in only rough analyses it seems clear that the changes in state tax deductions will particularly affect California and other changes such as international sales tax reductions, incentives to launder income through corporate and pass-through entities and attacks on health insurance might do so also. The reduction in intake will lead to a reduction in expenditures and damage public services. This looks like corruption with huge profits flowing directly to the president not to mention Senator Corker. This looks like oligarchy with existing inequalities being further increased. This looks like a federal power grab at the expense of California.

Please assure me that you will challenge this tax bill.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson