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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about internet access. Internet, like roads seems ideally suited to municipal control. There are huge economies of scale and societal advantages to access for most people and from most places. This type of access has been very successful for universities and a few examples of small cities. Opposition is mostly from those skimming huge profits from the current monopolies. The recent change in federal regulation is a reminder that this useful utility could very easily be lost if left to private enterprise. Various municipalities around California have looked into broadband but SB 1191 from 2008 is a significant obstacle to good policy both by requiring an exit strategy and by leaving customers vulnerable after a forced sale. Cities should control their own policies.

Please assure me that you will help cities build networks.

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