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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about drug enforcement. The past few years have seen a large shift in two popular pain medications. Marijuana has become locally legal and regulated in California among other places, while prescription opioids have been so abused that US life expectancy has begun to drop. Instead of focusing US attorneys on drug manufacturers and pill mills Attorney General Sessions has just announced an uncoordinated plan to attack pot. This will hurt cooperation between state and federal agents and increase distrust. It will damage the fledgling pot industry and drive it underground, creating opportunities for bribery and insider trading as well as the crime associated with illegal trade. This is another federal move to disproportionately hurt Californians.

Please assure me that you will defend Californians against federal drug zealotry.

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