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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about cuts to social services. In December the federal Senate passed a budget reconciliation bill which bizarrely modifies and deeply cuts revenue collection through immense welfare to large companies and wealthy individuals. Many aspects will have uneven effects but a big one is the changes to state tax deductions which is generating such proposals as Senator de Leon's charity deduction, Governor Cuomo's payroll tax and likely a lawsuit from Attorney General Becerra. Besides being uneven I worry about the likely shrinkage of federal programs from loss of revenue. Already low income housing construction in San Francisco is taking a hit with the city providing some funding, but far from enough to make up for the loss. One intriguing idea here is surcharge proposed by Assemblymen McCarty and Ting. As the US abdicates its responsibilities California must take them up.

*Please assure me that you will prevent a loss of needed services.*

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

s Sincerely,  
Eric Babson