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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about drug deaths. Overdoses now account for nearly two percent of all US deaths, well above guns and car accidents. This calls for a range of responses, from prosecuting manufacturers at one end to providing safe injection sites at the other. Injection sites have been quite effective in Canada and Australia where deaths and drug related crime dropped near the sites and enrollment in treatment programs rose. These sites are also a natural step from the needle exchange programs which have been so effective in combatting HIV. San Francisco is poised to host the first such site in the country this summer. Unfortunately Ms Pfaff representing the DEA has signaled federal opposition but as with marijuana and immigration state support could have a big impact. Attempts to change state law have so far failed in the California senate so your support for the project is essential.

Please assure me that you will support safe injection sites.

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

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson