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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about privatized utilities. PG&E is of course the most obvious and egregious example but water has always been contentious in California and companies like Cadiz are a close second. In both cases the largely financial decisions of a few seriously impact many others and a mechanism is needed to safeguard against catastrophies. As Lieutenant Governor you backed slowing down their poorly studied Mojave water plan but it is once again on a fast track to approval and the company is interpreting some of your State of the State comments as broadly supportive. The effects of drawing down the aquifer could last generations and should be thoroughly studied before any permits are issued. The federal government has moved to a very irresponsible know-nothing approach of ending all regulation and hoping for the best. This leaves California to pick up the regulatory slack.

Thank you for your consistent defense of our environment.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson