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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about monopolies. I have been pleased to see you defending immigrants, health care and the climate against federal onslaught. With the national government at best paralyzed states must step up around a array of issues with trust busting among them. The wealth gap is now as big as it has ever been and tech companies are clearly contributing. California is deeply involved as home both to three of the country's five giant companies and newly to one of the strongest consumer privacy laws. Along with the usual monopoly effects of outsized political power, anti-competitive quashing of startups and deteriorating attention to customers this group has amassed frightening troves of information and control over discourse. Senator Warren has put forward one blueprint for action and the European Union another but with federal regulators sidelined it falls to you and other Governors to reign in these excesses.

Please assure me that you will stand up to monopolies.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our government for the people.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson