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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about equal justice. Criminalization of poverty is an issue every society must struggle with (Socrates comes to mind) and in California today rising wealth inequality is creating both more poor and more power for those few with extreme wealth and little concern for others. This dichotomy requires extra vigilance on your part to be responsive to the needs of the people rather than the loud and entitled donor class. After decades of extreme incarceration rates we are finally seeing some sentencing reform and with the cautionary tale of Ferguson we are also seeing some fee reform. Alameda County has already taken the lead and with the court weighing in with the Dueñas ruling I am pleased to see California responding by taking up SB 144.

*Please assure me that you will prioritize equal justice with court fee reform.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson