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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about working conditions. Wealth in this country has been growing ever more concentrated with California home to both extremes. While many things have contributed to this problem the collapse of labor unions with membership at an eight decade low along with flagging government support with flatlined minimum wages and little required vacation have been big contributors. Courts have been accelerating this trend by expanded arbitration, weakened unions, crippled health insurance and a creeping redefinition of workers. The hugely profitable tech sector has been particularly bad with the abuse of independent contractor status as a catch phrase for expendables not deserving a living wage or safety net. As the federal government recedes from its responsibilities California must step up and fixing the Dynamex decision with AB5 is one essential piece.

Please assure me that you will support AB5 and fair employment.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our equitable society.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson