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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about PG&E. Cutting my power last month while still managing to start the Kincadee fire brought them to mind. I understand your home was evacuated. Power distribution is fundamentally ill suited to private management with competition minimal, demand curves steep and the public costs of errors broad and even deadly. This company has a long history of cutting maintenance corners and wreaking public havoc while paying top dollar for its management and lobbying teams (eg Prop 16) and charging its customers similarly. Cheap maintenance has caused the contamination of Hinckley's drinking water, the explosion of a pipeline in San Bruno and the incineration of Paradise. Current spending is only by order of Judge Alsup overseeing their second bankruptcy. Governor Newsom notes that the latest management team knows Wall Street but not California utilities while Mayor Arreguin has signed onto a call to form a cooperative.

*Thank you for your letter in March and your bill to encourage responsible spending today.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson