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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about cars. Nearly a third of US greenhouse emissions are associated with transportation and most of that from cars and light trucks. This is also the fastest growing source with commute times increasing again as the wealth gap and housing shortage push people farther from work. Traffic is also a danger to cyclists, a health problem for those living near highways and making trips around the bay area or LA long and frustrating. Car free zones are increasing but transit pricing should be a component. Today roads (apart from a few bridges) are provided for free making driving cheaper and less regressive than buses while encouraging scofflaws even though most transit funding does not come from fares. As Mayor you looked into fare-free transit which a number of cities around the world have made work. Such a move could both improve our quality of life and reduce our carbon footprint.

Please assure me that you will explore fare-free transit.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson