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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about housing. California is leading the nation with housing problems arising from the growing wealth gap. These include longer commutes by car leading to increasing per capita carbon emissions and more people facing the horrors of life on the streets. Both are associated with insufficient density near transit and job zones. You have long promised to expand housing as Mayor, Lieutenant Governor and now Governor but the best statewide attempt to address these issues is SB 50 and it has just suffered a third year of defeat without even your endorsement much less enthusiastic support. Housing is arguably California's most pressing issue and while there has been piecemeal progress such as expedition of some tiny home pods and navigation centers and recently announced housing plans by CalTrain there remains a need for statewide leadership.

Please assure me that you will champion some housing bill in this session.

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson