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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about racial inequality. The passage of proposition 209 decades ago was a sad reminder of the persistence of inequality and together with the war on drugs and mandatory sentencing movements of that era the dramatic improvements ushered in by the civil rights movement were badly slowed. At Berkeley this was clear immediately with the still obvious rapid demographic shift and studies have found similar stagnation for minority owned businesses. The whiplash of President Obama followed by his replacement has reminded us that the fight is not over and while strides have been made in judicial reform, affirmative action remains banned.

Please assure me that you will support the repeal of proposition 209.

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson