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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about pollution. The current shut down will accelerate many societal changes including our approach to the looming climate disaster and pollution more generally. On the positive side we are seeing how much carbon emissions can be shifted as well as the possibility and importance of a robust safety net which something like the green new deal would represent. On the negative side the president and his associates - like dictators around the world - are using the distraction to further erode civil liberties such as shutting down immigration and social responsibilities such as deregulating water pollution even with the disaster in Flint MI still fairly fresh in our minds.

**Thank you for leading the defense of the 2015 clarification of the Clean Water Act.**

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson