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Dear Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis:

I am concerned about budgeting. The disasters brought by COVID-19 and abetted by the federal government will test the moral fiber of every community. California has made a good start but now come the wrenching budget choices where the imperative is to support those most in need. The rest of us will muddle through. There have been frightening reports of vast child food insecurity and shocking demand this week for the inadequate fund to support immigrants. With legions newly unemployed and increasing federal attacks on immigrants, access to health care is falling as the need rises. I am very sorry to see that the budget proposal from the Governor's office includes reductions in planned health care spending both for the homeless and for elderly undocumented immigrants.

**Please assure me that you will hold the line and support those who need it most.**

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson