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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about police culture. The recent killing of Mr Floyd and ensuing protests are a reminder of the unfinished work of the Justice Department consent decree program instituted to change police culture after the 2014 killing of Mr Brown and prematurely ended by General Sessions. White nationalist terrorism and ICE abuses are on the rise and the epidemic has everyone on edge leaving many distrustful of authorities. As society negotiates the changes ahead everything will go more smoothly where authorities are more trusted - from governors, sheriffs and mayors to bus drivers and police officers. Federal action can no longer be expected. California state must identify troubled departments and oversee reform as the Justice Department once did.

Please assure me that you will end police brutality.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from the promise of equal justice.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson