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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about coronavirus in prisons. As was clear since this pandemic began our jails and prisons are ideal for the virus to spread with overcrowding, understaffed hospitals, poor sanitation and communal dining. Federal leadership is all but absent and California has also failed creating a disaster at San Quentin which left hundreds of prisoners and guards infected. Thank you for immediately demanding an accounting in the interests of both humane treatment of prisoners and public health. General Barr is empowered to initiate medically essential releases federally but appears too distracted defending the President's lawyers. Governor Newsom has this power in California and needs to use it more broadly.

Please assure me that coronavirus will be eliminated from California prisons.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our humane justice system.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson