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Dear Senator Skinner:

I am concerned about economic collapse. For several decades the gap in wealth has been growing leaving half the population with little savings and an inexorably increasing housing crisis. Our epidemic continues to expand and the response continues to be incoherent. Republican brinkmanship has become the federal norm and last minute fights over extending eviction moratoria and unemployment benefits are adding to the uncertainty. This makes planning impossible and it makes mass homelessness together with people forced into high transmission work conditions leading to a prolonged epidemic and depression a real possibility. California's budget will not balance without federal action but people are desperate and the state must again step into the breach.

Please assure me that California will commit to supplementing unemployment benefits as long as necessary if the federal government again fails us.

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

*Sincerely,
Eric Babson*