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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am concerned about emergency response. Too many communities respond to all crises identically with armed police but different problems call for different approaches. Mental health, homeless and drug issues frequently lead to 911 calls and such problems are likely to increase with people stuck at home, poverty rising rapidly and an ongoing overdose epidemic. At the same time trust in police has been damaged by ICE and DHS impersonation and continuing police murders. The massive protests around such violent incidents have also started a conversation about alternatives and while Berkeley is studying such options on its own a national program such as Senator Van Hollen and Representative Bass have just introduced would make local action much easier.

*Please assure me that you will support community based crisis response.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our coherent federalism.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson