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# California State Senate

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Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Special Session on Utilities and Fire

Dear Governor Newsom:

I'm contacting you today to encourage you to call a special session of the Legislature in order for us to address the ongoing crisis surrounding Power Shut-Offs, Homeowners Insurance, Wildfire and Utility Bankruptcy.

In my district alone I have received hundreds of calls from angry constituents wanting to know why their power continues to be shut off. In most cases, today marks day nine without power in the past three weeks. This is simply unacceptable and we need to act now, not in January.

The California Constitution provides the Governor the power to call a special session of the Legislature if it's warranted and I would say it is. **SEC. 3.(b) On extraordinary occasions the Governor by proclamation may cause the Legislature to assemble in special session. When so assembled it has power to legislate only on subjects specified in the proclamation but may provide for expenses and other matters incidental to the session.** In the time I've served in the Legislature there has been a special session on healthcare and on transportation. I think this crisis is even more urgent at this time.

PG&E continues to mismanage their resources and as a result of this they have neglected to maintain their infrastructure to the standards set forth by the California Public Utilities Commission. They continue to put the lives of California citizens at risk and it just can't continue.

Hard working Californians are having to shutter their businesses and lose tens of thousands of dollars of inventory because of PG&E's negligence. This is unacceptable. People are missing work, kids are out of school and critically ill citizens are put at risk. People are at risk of losing their businesses, their jobs and their homes if they can't pay their rent. These Planned safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) events are having a catastrophic effect on millions of people and there has been very little benefit to point at since there was still an alleged equipment fire that started a fire.

Governor I again encourage you to do the right thing for the people of California and call a special session of the legislature so we can get to work to solve these issues and help our constituents get back to living their lives and protecting their livelihood.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at 916-651-4001.

Sincerely,



**BRIAN DAHLE**

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