

April 4, 2016

The Honorable Sharon Runner
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 1228 (RUNNER) SMALL BUSINESS: CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS
REGULATORY FAIRNESS ACT**

Dear Senator Runner:

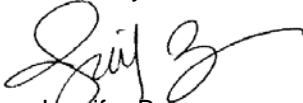
The California Chamber of Commerce is pleased to **SUPPORT** your **SB 1228 (Runner)**, as introduced February 18, 2016, which has been labeled a **JOB CREATOR**, as it seeks to assist small businesses in complying with complex regulations in California without facing devastating financial penalties and enforcement actions.

California's complex regulatory scheme is challenging for all employers, but especially small businesses. In recognizing this challenge, California has provided GO-BIZ as a resource for small employers to obtain information regarding various obstacles that small businesses face. **SB 1228** would further assist small businesses in navigating the regulations in California so that they can comply and grow their business, without facing costly enforcement actions for inadvertent mistakes. Specifically, **SB 1228** will require state agencies who adopt regulations to help small businesses with understanding and complying with those regulations, adopt policies that consider equity and fairness in assessing penalties against small businesses when there has been a violation, and to allow small businesses the opportunity to engage the courts during or after an enforcement action to grant the small employer equitable relief from a unduly burdensome administrative decision.

The growth of small businesses in California is a key component to maintaining a strong economy. **SB 1228** will help ensure such growth by providing small businesses with the tools and resources needed to comply with California's regulations.

For those reasons, we are pleased to **SUPPORT** your **SB 1228** as a **JOB CREATOR**.

Sincerely,



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