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August 21, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request – Assembly Bill 2543

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 2543.

This bill, if implemented, will make undocumented business owners eligible to compete for state contracts and contradict federal immigration policies by allowing undocumented individuals to work in the U.S.

This could lead to legal challenges and costly federal intervention for the state. This bill allows undocumented individuals to start businesses with less oversight than legal residents, disadvantaging the latter.

State policies should not encourage the violation of immigration laws but instead promote legal pathways and equitable opportunities for all. By circumventing and undermining established rules, this measure penalizes citizens who comply with regulations. Extending benefits to those who have not followed the law is inequitable, especially considering the many lawful residents and legal immigrants who worked hard to do so.

Thank you for your consideration, I respectfully request that you veto AB-2543. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senator, 32nd District