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Mr. Jerome Horton, Chair
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Dear Mr. Horton:

On September 27, 1999 I wrote a letter to the State Board of Equalization on behalf of my constituent, William M. Connell. At that time Mr. Connell was in the process of trying to get a tax exemption under California Business and Professions Code section 16102.

I realize that there was a discrepancy over the wording of the law. I believed that the law should be interpreted in its literal sense for as long as its current wording remained. Expert legal analysts studied this section of the Code and agreed with Mr. Connell's interpretation of the law.

I strongly urged the State Board of Equalization to give this matter their full and fair consideration. This law was created to aid honorably discharged veterans in creating a livelihood for themselves. Mr. Connell conducted himself perfectly in accordance with the law as stated.

I appreciate the Boards prompt attention to this issue once again.

Sincerely,

LOIS CAPPS
Member of Congress

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



Appeal Name: William M. Connell

Case ID: _____ ITEM #: _____

Date: April 25, 2013 Exhibit No: 4.10

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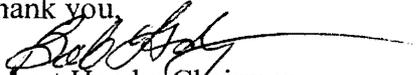
Mr. Jerome E. Horton, Chairman
California State Board of Equalization
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Dear Chairman Horton,

The Veterans United for Truth unanimously support AB 919. We request your office also support this legislative effort to return tax monies to the veterans which should not have been taken in the first place.

Mr. William Connell's efforts over these past 20 years should not go unrecognized. We had expected to address the State Board of Equalization tomorrow in Culver City. We have been advised of scheduling changes at this late date. We will be unable to send our representative. Would you kindly allot our three minutes to Mr. Connell so that he might be able to speak on our behalf.

Thank you,


Robert Handy, Chairman
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Patriot Horton:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is an I.R.S. recognized charity. We are all about vets helping vets and their families.

Chapter 750 supports A.B. 919. This bill will be the proper restart for the Board of Equalization to rectify this lapse. We recognize the Statutes of March 1893. Plain denotation, direct meaning, must be abided.

Returning veterans need the support of the citizens they served. This is about giving someone a hand up, not a hand out.

Thank you for helping veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Cook".

Michael Cook, Commander

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