

**Seaside – Sand City – Del Rey Oaks – Monterey
Chambers of Commerce**

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To:
California State Board of Equalization

Dear Members of the Board,

It has come to our attention, from one of our Chamber Members who is a local tailor, that the State Board of Equalization conducted an audit and assessed the tailor to pay around \$10,000 in back uncollected sales tax for work done on some particular items of clothing.

Apparently, this tailor has to determine which article of clothing is 'new' and which is not 'new'.

This has to be one the most 'stupid' and 'idiotic' laws I have ever heard of.

How is a tailor supposed to be able to tell the difference and why should he half to?

Why as a consumer should one have to pay this sales tax on what is definitely a very labor intensive service?

Is the State of California so greedy that we have to resort to such thuggish tactics to collect money in such a dishonest way?

This is where the State Board of Equalization is wrong. Once one buys a 'new' article of clothing it is not 'new' any more. How does one judge 'used'.

The argument that a simple alteration, such as hemming of pants legs, somehow increases the value of the pants is absurd. Think about it.

This seriously has to be looked into and remove this 'stupid' law and return any and all monies collected on behalf of these laws.

Thank you,

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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



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