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Businesses Affected by Lack of State Budget Can Request Extension *Extensions Available for Filing and Paying Sales Tax Returns*

Vendors doing business with the State of California - but who have not been paid due to the lack of a state budget - may request an extension to file sales and use tax returns and make tax payments announced Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the California State Board of Equalization.

To request an extension, businesses must make a request in writing and mail it to the BOE's Return Analysis Unit at P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0035. The request must include the account number, the reporting period for the request, how much the state owes the business, and a reason for the extension request. BOE has provided an easy form to request the extension: BOE-468 [Request for Extension of Time to File a Tax Return](#). Requests must be received on or before the last day of the month following the month after a budget is adopted or one month from the due date of the return or prepayment, whichever comes later.

If an extension is granted, businesses must file and pay the return by the end of the extension period. There will be no penalties if the return is filed and paid in full by the end of the extension period. During the extension period, there is no interest applied on the amount of the tax due equal to the amount the state owes the business.

For more information or assistance on requesting an extension to file returns and make tax payments, visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov, contact the nearest [BOE office](#), or call the Taxpayer Information Section Call Center at 800-400-7115. District office and Call Center operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), excluding state holidays. More information can also be found in the July 2010 Special Notice, [Notice to Vendors Who Make Sales to the State of California](#).

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate. In 2008, Steel uncovered a \$42 million mistake in the agency's sales tax refund procedures. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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