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Jerome Horton Offers Support for Bill Requiring Public Posting of Top 500 Tax Delinquents List

Measure also requires suspension of professional licenses

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California Board of Equalization (BOE), in a letter to Governor Edmund G. Brown is urging the Governor to sign Assembly Bill 1424, the measure approved by the Legislature that expands the public list of the top 250 BOE and Franchise Tax Board (FTB) tax delinquencies to 500. The measure also requires the state to suspend occupational, professional, or driver's licenses of the state's top tax debtors.

"California's tax cheats need to know we are serious about making them follow the law. This bill is an incentive for those who owe the most to the BOE and the FTB to come clean and pay what they owe," Horton said.

The previous legislation, AB 1418, that created the state law mandating that both the BOE and FTB make available to the public a list of the largest 250 tax delinquencies of more than \$100,000 in tax, was authored by Chairman Horton when he was a member of the California State Assembly. The measure also required a 30-day advance notification to the tax debtors advising them that if they fail to resolve their tax delinquencies, their liabilities will be disclosed to the public.

"Since the BOE and FTB began posting the top 250 largest tax delinquencies, over \$87 million has been collected as a result," Horton said. "If the taxpayers on the list continue to ignore their tax debts, the public has a right to know who they are."

As Chairman of the BOE, Horton also serves as a member of the FTB.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 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.

Chairman Horton Letter to Governor Brown: http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/1424_Letter_to_Gov_Jerry_Brown.pdf

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