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September 9, 2016

Governor Jerry Brown
ATTN: Michael R.O. Martinez, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary
Governor's Office, Legislative Unit
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2691 (HOLDEN) – MONTHLY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PROGRAM - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE -

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 2691, which would authorize a county board of supervisors to adopt a resolution or ordinance allowing seniors (62 and older) and disabled persons, regardless of age, to pay their property tax in monthly installments.

Currently, property taxes on the secured roll are due in two installments: November 1 and February 1. Many seniors and disabled persons, particularly those on fixed incomes, have trouble paying out such a large expenditure twice a year. While Proposition 13 limits annual property tax increases, a large number of homeowners still struggle to make ends meet.

According to the [California State Plan on Aging](#), California's population of people 60 and older has grown rapidly over the past century. Between 1980 and 2000, the number of older adults in California grew from 3 million to 4.7 million, an increase of 57 percent. This trend will continue as the number grows to 8.5 million by 2020, an increase of 81 percent from 2000. By 2050, it is estimated that nearly 25 percent of Californians will be 60 or older.

Monthly instead of bi-annual payments would make it easier for our growing senior population to meet their property tax obligation. This is especially relevant for seniors who don't meet the requirements of the newly reinstated Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program. Given the anticipated growth in the senior population, it makes sense to offer several options to those who are committed to paying their tax obligation during their retirement years. I am pleased to support this bill and respectfully request your signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
1st District

cc: Assemblymember Holden