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Senator Tom Harman
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Harman,

I am writing in support of your **Senate Bill 1326**. These difficult economic times highlight the need for government to do everything possible to simplify bureaucratic red-tape that entangles business.

SB 1326 will streamline filing requirements for taxpayers by requiring the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, and Employment Development Department to collaborate toward the goal of consolidating tax self-services into a single website.

California has three different tax agencies and taxpayers are often confused with which agency is responsible for a particular tax. Once implemented this website would allow taxpayers to file tax returns, claim refunds, and request for relief of interest or penalties with one login. Taxpayers will no longer need to navigate through three separate tax agencies to access forms and information. This will save taxpayers time and increase voluntary compliance.

Clearly there will be technological challenges with such an endeavor; therefore it is important that the Legislature instruct the agencies to begin this conversation now, so the groundwork can be laid toward accomplishing this important goal.

Thank you for introducing this timely legislation.

Sincerely,

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

GEORGE RUNNER

cc: Senator Lois Wolk, Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
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