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The Honorable Betty Yee
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Commissioner Yee,

We are a family owned building materials supplier in the North Bay, Santa Rosa. Our business has been located here for over 100 years and we employ over 80 people and provide lumber and building materials to a wide range of consumers. We urge the B.O.E. to seriously consider a more equitable dollar amount for setup and implementation of the "Lumber Assessment" costs we have incurred this year and continued costs to keep our point of sales computer system in compliance of this new tax. The W.C.L.B.M.A.'s has done a thorough analysis of it's members and we believe the amount of \$5,500 per retail location is very close to what our costs were to modify our systems to begin charging all consumers the extra 1% on the wide range of products we sell. The law clearly states retail lumber dealers are to be reimbursed for their costs in setting up the assessment collection process. We are charged with monitoring every product we handle to see if it's to be included in the scope the new law, which already is a moving target. The data used by the B.O.E. staff in trying to determine what the reimbursement should be is simply not relevant when compared to the complexity and variables we work with in the building materials we offer. The 2006 report is based on flipping a couple switches on a cash register vs. properly analyzing the percentage of wood in each product we provide to our customers are not even in the same ballpark. So we and our employees would appreciate your reconsidering the reimbursement amount allowed to us and other retailers throughout California.

Sincerely,

Matt Petersen
Vice President