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MEMBER
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
CALIFORNIA'S TAX BOARD

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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSE AB 1307 (Skinner)

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

I am writing to express my opposition to your AB 1307, which seeks to increase penalties on taxpayers with "outstanding BOE-related tax and fee liabilities" and "enhance the BOE's ability to collect those liabilities."

To this end, AB 1307 requires the Board of Equalization to match tax information with personal financial records from employee databases and financial institutions for delinquent taxpayers. It also authorizes the Board to deny permits and licenses to taxpayers with unpaid liabilities who have not set up an installment payment plan.

This measure's heavy-handed approach will seriously impede, if not destroy, the livelihood of many delinquent taxpayers. The loss of income from these businesses will translate directly into a loss of jobs and revenue for our state.

The Board of Equalization estimates only minor additional revenue from taxpayers entering into installment payment agreements. This small revenue gain will be more than offset by losses from the businesses whose licenses and permits are revoked.

The solutions presented in this bill will further harm California's job creators during a time when they are already vulnerable and struggling. Simply stated, AB 1307 is the wrong approach to solving California's fiscal and economic problems.

For these reasons I must regretfully oppose AB 1307.

Sincerely,

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

GEORGE RUNNER

cc: Senate Appropriations Committee

