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MEMBER  
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
CALIFORNIA'S TAX BOARD

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The Honorable Henry Perea  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: OPPOSE AB 1424 (Perea)**

Dear Assembly Member Perea:

I am writing to express my opposition to your AB 1424.

This bill expands the Board of Equalization's Top 250 tax delinquents to the Top 500 tax delinquents. It also provides authority for the suspension of occupational, professional and driver's licenses for tax debtors from the top 500 list, and prohibits any state agency from entering into a contract for goods and services with a tax debtor from the top 500 list.

This measure's heavy-handed, over-reaching provisions will seriously impede, if not destroy, the livelihood of many struggling taxpayers. The loss of income will translate directly into lost jobs and revenue for our state. Further, debtors whose businesses are affected by this bill will be severely handicapped in repaying their tax debts.

The Board of Equalization estimates only minor additional revenue from increasing the penalties on delinquent taxpayers, even if the Top 250 list is expanded to become the Top 500 list. This small revenue gain will be eclipsed by losses from taxpayer's whose business licenses, permits, and driver's licenses are revoked.

This bill solves nothing and will further harm California's job creators during a time when they are already vulnerable and struggling. I agree that a problem exists. AB 1424, however, is not the solution.

For these reasons I must regretfully oppose AB 1424.

Sincerely

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

GEORGE RUNNER

