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Runner Says Amazon Compromise Both Good and Bad

George Runner today issued the following statement in response to Governor Jerry Brown's signature of AB 155:

"I'm glad the Governor signed compromise legislation today to help get some California affiliates back to work and bring thousands of Amazon.com distribution jobs to California. That's very good news.

"Unfortunately, this legislation is by no means a cure-all. It does nothing to solve the long-term problems created by the Legislature's botched efforts to compel out-of-state retailers to serve as California's tax collectors.

"Absent a federal solution, which is highly unlikely in such a short time frame given all of the competing interests, we'll be right back in the same mess in a year. The State of California will again be killing California jobs, driving away investment and inviting costly litigation.

"Let me be clear: this compromise legislation, while welcome, provides only a short-term delay to a bad law that will never produce the revenues, nor the level-playing field, its proponents imagine."

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.

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