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Dear Governor Newsom,

As we all navigate through these difficult times, as State and local leaders, to protect the physical health of our citizens, we must also recognize the need to protect our economic health as well. As you have recognized, once we are certain that our communities are safe, we must work to restore our economy as quickly as possible and get our citizens back to work.

As part of that, we are respectfully requesting that you act swiftly to defer, reconsider or suspend all legislation that has been enacted over the last two years that would be detrimental to many private enterprise jobs. This legislation would include, but is not limited to Assembly Bills 673 (Carrillo), 725 (Wick), 5 (Gonzales), 790 (Levine), 1066 (Gonzales, Bonta, Garcia, Hernandez, Jones-Sawyer, McCarty, Thurman) and Senate Bills 10 (Hertzberg), 88 (SGMA) and 850 (Leyva). Much of the workforce and businesses impacted by these legislative actions have actually been identified by the Governor as essential during this current crisis of COVID-19. Additionally, many of these businesses may not qualify for benefits that are being made available to others by our Federal and State representatives.

Additionally, we would ask that you consider reviewing recent changes to codes as it relates to the Building Industry. It is important that we allow businesses related to the building trades to continue, as long as safe practices are implemented. As we all know, many of these workers are transient and without the ability to continue working, will likely move to a State that will allow them to work. Commercial and Residential construction is an essential part of our economy and, as you have rightfully placed housing as a high priority for your administration, there has never been a more opportune time to further that agenda.

The possibility of losing hundreds of thousands of jobs to the effects of COVID-19, is inevitable. To lose hundreds of thousands more, as a result of legislation that is under your control, is a potential disaster that is avoidable.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated leadership in this effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

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