

September 20, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1506 (Kalra) Worker status: employees and independent contractors:
newspaper distributors and carriers – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

Orange County Business Council (OCBC), the leading voice of business in Orange County, is pleased to support AB 1506 (Kalra), which will temporarily extend the exemption of newspaper carriers from the ABC test established in the Dynamex decision of the California Supreme Court.

OCBC supported 2020's AB 323 (Rubio), which initially granted newspaper carriers a one-year extension of independent carrier status. This was crucial for publications struggling to stay open as the COVID-19 pandemic caused advertising revenue to plummet by 50 percent. These publications are essential for informing the public of factual, up-to-date information on the pandemic and other important news.

The additional three-year extension granted by AB 1506 is imperative for newspaper carriers as they continue to face financial challenges exacerbated by the economic downturn. Local journalism is a vital resource for communities, and this bill is necessary to preserve thousands of independent contractor, journalist and printer positions.

For these reasons, OCBC respectfully asks you to SIGN AB 1506 into law.

Sincerely,



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