



March 15, 2021

The Honorable Richard Pan
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol, Room 2191
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 336 (Ochoa Bough): Public health: COVID-19 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of the above business organizations in the Inland Empire, we write to express our support for SB 336, which would require that before the California Department of Public Health (CDHP) or a local health official takes measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, they publish the measures for 72 hours on their internet website and reach out to local organizations representing local business interests.

The covid19.ca.gov website has been instrumental in informing our communities about the requirements of each tier in the CDHP's Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework. The website is a resource for state and local elected officials and leaders in order to ensure that the state is all on the same page in terms of its updated policies.

However, there is not currently a requirement for a robust public awareness campaign when it comes to the changes that take effect, often immediately. This lack of publication and time for compliance leaves both non-profit and for-profit employers scrambling to review and comply with orders that may require significant changes to their operations. California's employers –particularly small employers - are struggling to survive this protracted economic shutdown, and are exhausted from constantly adjusting to the changing requirements imposed upon them. We need to standardize this process and provide a reliable structure for communicating new obligations to employers in our state.

To address the shortfalls in the current process, SB 336 would require that CDPH publish new COVID-19 measures at least 72 hours on its website prior to taking effect and contact local organizations in order to ensure that all parts of our communities and their residents and employers are aware of and prepared to make any required changes. These requirements would only be effective for the duration of this current public health crisis as caused by COVID-19. Additionally, SB 336 would take effect immediately upon approval by the Legislature and the Governor.

For these reasons and others, we urge your support of SB 336. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our position in greater detail, please contact Luis Portillo at 909-944-2201 or by email at lportillo@ieep.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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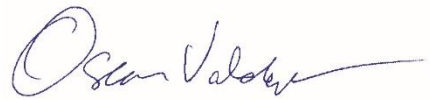
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