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Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva
Chair, Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy
California State Assembly
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 359
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2463 (Quirk-Silva) re: Small Business Assistance Act of 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Quirk-Silva.

On behalf of the chambers of commerce that comprise the United Chamber Advocacy Network of California (UCAN) and their nearly 4800 combined members, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Assembly Bill 2463 which you have authored to establish the Small Business Assistance Program within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

In a recent joint membership survey, the UCAN chambers asked "what is the top issue impacting your business' bottom line?" After the issues of taxes and regulations, over one third of respondents cited "California's overall business climate" as a barrier to their success. Clearly, while California leads the nation in job growth, this economic growth is not being felt in all sectors of the economy nor in all communities within California.

We appreciate that you and your colleagues understand and appreciate the role that small business has in the overall success of California's economy. Further, we appreciate the recognition that the state of California has a role and a responsibility to encourage the success of individual small businesses and to foster a positive business climate in the state.

And lastly, we especially appreciate the wisdom of leveraging the existing infrastructure and expertise of the federal Small Business Development Centers and other federal technical assistance providers which are already in the business of outreach to small businesses, providing counseling and connections to capital, in partnership with banks and other community partners. This example of leveraging and partnership is one other state departments and agencies should be encouraged to replicate.

For these reasons and more, we respectfully urge the committee extend an "aye" vote on AB 2463.



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