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April 12, 2018

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 2687 (Quirk-Silva) re: Office of Small Business – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Quirk-Silva.

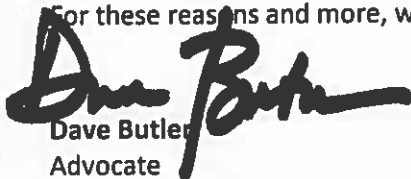
On behalf of the chambers of commerce that comprise the United Chamber Advocacy Network of California (UCAN) and their nearly 4800 combined members, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 2687 which you have authored to establish the Small Business Assistance Program within the Governor's 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.

By changing the name to the Office of Small Business from the Office of Small Business Advocate, you and your colleagues are positioning GO-Biz and the Deputy Director for Small Business to expand beyond the role of advocate to include cultivating resources for individual small businesses as well as crafting policy to benefit California's small businesses and enhance the state's overall business climate.

For these reasons and more, we respectfully urge the committee extend an "aye" vote on AB 2687.



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cc. Members, Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy  
Assemblymembers Ken Cooley, Frank Bigelow, Jim Cooper, Kevin Kiley

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