

El Dorado County Chamber Commission; Elk Grove Chamber Commerce; Folsom Chamber of Commerce; Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce; Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce

April 18, 2019

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee State Capitol Building, Room 2187 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1 (Atkins) re: CA Environmental, Public Health and Workers Defense Act of 2019 - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Jackson:

On behalf of the chambers of commerce that comprise the United Chamber Advocacy Network (UCAN) and their nearly 4800 combined members, I am writing to express our opposition to Senate Bill 1 (Jackson) which, among things, seeks to ensure California environmental and labor regulations exceed federal standards.

Uncertainty and liability are two conditions that discourage business owners and operators from reinvesting in their businesses and growing their workforce – and as written, SB 1 significantly increases employers uncertainty and liability with respect to environmental and labor regulations.

We are concerned that SB 1 is unnecessary, given that the Legislature already has authority to adopt standards beyond federal statute, hands over authority to administrative agencies within the executive branch, and opens local governments and businesses to excess liability as a result of general language identifying regulations as "less stringent."

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our views. We urge your NO vote on SB 1.

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cc. Members, Senate Judiciary Committee
State Senators Jim Nielsen and Richard Pan