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June 1, 2021

The Honorable Philip Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
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The Honorable Wendy Carrillo
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4
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The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee 4
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RE: Increase in SB TAEP Funding – SUPPORT (\$27 million)

Dear Budget Chairs and Budget Subcommittee Chairs:

On behalf of the associations listed that represent the interests of the 3.9 million small and micro businesses throughout the state, we have reviewed the Governor’s proposed budget, and respectfully request that supplemental funding be included to support the economic recovery of California Small Businesses. Programmatic elements for this funding are included in AB 1072 (Reyes) and AB 1573 (JEDE). California small businesses need a comprehensive initiative to support and energize an inclusive economic recovery.

- Launch and brand a **California Business Retention Network** using the existing **Small Business Technical Assistance Enhancement Program** (SB TAEP) as the foundation for an expanded technical assistance delivery network that meets the needs of all Californians, including underserved business groups.
- **\$17 million** in supplemental funding to expand the **capacity of the federally-designated small business technical assistance providers** to meet the demands of small businesses recovering from the COVID-19 recession.
- **\$7 million** to expand **SB TAEP to include local governments and nonprofits**, such as chambers of commerce and economic development corporations, to support business retention needs of small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- **\$3 million** in supplemental funding to **Capital Infusion Program** to ensure California small businesses are prepared to access the **\$895 million** the state will receive under the federal **State Small Business Credit Initiative** (SSBCI).

Members, Budget Conference Committee
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The California Small Business Technical Assistance providers, such as the SBDCs, WBCs, FDCs, MBDAs, PTACs, VBOCs, and others are essential and crucial resources to the entrepreneurial and small business community. They provide an invaluable service in providing resources, trainings, and expert consulting to small businesses.

The following associations are in strong support of the above budget supplemental funding request:

Accion Opportunity Fund
California African American Chamber of Commerce
California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce
California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO)
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
California Metals Coalition
California Small Business Association
California Women's Business Center Network
Coalition of Small and Disabled Veteran Services
Financial Development Corporations (FDCs)
Flasher Barricade Association
National Federation of Independent Businesses
NAWBO-CA Chapter
NAWBO-CA Sacramento Valley Chapter
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Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Thank You,

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On behalf of the Associations listed above

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