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The Honorable Bob Huff
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5097
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Re: **SB 479 (Huff):**

Transparency in K-12 Public Education Spending - **SUPPORT**

The Legislative Coalition of Chambers, a consortium of regional and local chambers of commerce advocating on behalf of the small business community believe your bill (SB 479) to be favorable to the overall business climate.

Education makes up, by far, the largest portion of the state budget. While the budgets for California's school districts are public information, it is often unclear how exactly districts spend their government-allocated money.

SB 479 seeks to increase transparency in the area of education spending by requiring that public school districts create and maintain a monthly public expenditure record. This measure will shed light on how our public education system spends taxpayer dollars, ultimately promoting fiscal responsibility at a time when legislators are tackling a \$25 billion budget deficit.

For these and other reasons the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers **SUPPORTS** your bill **SB 479**.

Sincerely,

Arun D. Tolia, Chair
San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition, Chambers of Commerce