



San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers

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The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Re: **SB 653 (Steinberg): Local Taxation - OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Steinberg:

The San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers voted to OPPOSE your bill SB 653.

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 653) to be unfavorable to businesses. The bill would, in addition to state's current add a new local income tax rate on businesses. Amongst the other states in the union, California already has one of the highest tax rates.

SB 653 will take away the ease at which business are currently operating within the state. The bill would impose cumbersome duties on already stressed employers/employees by requiring them to declare earned income by county. Out of necessity to compete by securing a lower tax rate, businesses will be forced to relocate from one county to another. In fact, some might be required to move out of the state. SB 653 would also free the counties to impose a tax on items currently not subject to one.

For these and other reasons, the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers must **OPPOSE SB 653**.

Sincerely,

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

*c/o Irwindale Chamber of Commerce
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