



“CHANGE OF POSITION”

September 2, 2021

TO: Members, California State Assembly

**SUBJECT: AB 654 (REYES) COVID-19: EXPOSURE: NOTIFICATION
WITHDRAW OPPOSITION/NEUTRAL**

Based on the September 1, 2021 amendments, the California Farm Bureau and the organizations listed below have **WITHDRAWN OUR OPPOSITION** to **AB 654 (Reyes)**, and will be changing our position to **NEUTRAL**.

The September 1, 2021 amendments remove prior language that *would* have required that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) publish worksite-specific information about COVID-19 outbreaks. We had previously opposed this legislation based upon concerns related to this address-specific information, as we did not believe it would be kept up-to-date due to logistical delays in communications from local public health departments to the CDPH and eventual publication onto the state website. Moreover, it would have contained a blacklist of businesses – despite businesses’ inability to prevent outbreaks caused by employee behavior completely outside the workplace.

With this troubling provision removed, the signatories to this letter have switched to a **NEUTRAL** position.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of

Advanced Medical Technology Association

Agricultural Council of California

California Apartment Association
California Business Roundtable
California Cable & Telecommunications
Association
California Farm Bureau
California Fuels & Convenience Alliance
California Land Title Association
California League of Food Producers
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
California Travel Association
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

Family Business Association of California
Housing Contractors of California
National Federation of Independent Business
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of
Commerce
Southwest California Legislative Council
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Western Growers

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