



March 18, 2022

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy
1020 N Street, Room 359
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1679 (V. Fong) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Cervantes:

The California Business Roundtable (CBRT) and the California Retailers Association (CRA) are pleased to join the California Trucking Association (CTA) in **SUPPORT** of Assembly Bill 1679 by Assemblymember Vince Fong, which would establish a Supply Chain Coordinator within the governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BIZ).

California's ranking as a world economy is due in part by its ability to move more than 40 percent of the nation's products through its ports. However, the historic congestion felt at our State's ports exposed the dire need for high-level coordination to ensure a stronger and more reliable supply chain infrastructure.

AB 1679 addresses this concern by creating a senior position within GO-BIZ with a dedicated focus on California's supply chain. The Supply Chain Coordinator will not only provide an advisor with a finger on the pulse of California's goods movement, but it will also facilitate in the sharing of information, data and better communications among stakeholders and the administration in a more expedient and efficient manner.

For these reasons and others, we stand in support of **SUPPORT AB 1679 (V. Fong)**.

Respectfully,

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Cc: The Honorable Vince Fong