



March 19, 2022

**The Honorable Senator Roth, Chair**

Senate Committee on Business and Professions  
1021 O Street, Room 3320  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1104 (Gonzalez) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Roth:

The California Business Roundtable (CBRT) and the California Retailers Association (CRA) are pleased to join the California Trucking Association (CTA) in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 1104 which creates the Office of Freight 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.

While GO-BIZ and California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) have taken leadership roles in facilitating coordination along the supply chain in response to the congestion crisis, there is currently no state entity with the authority and capacity to coordinate across the entire supply chain.

SB 1104 addresses this concern by creating an Office of Freight within GO-BIZ for high-level coordination along the supply chain and by requiring this new Office of Freight to work with stakeholders to assess and plan for the economic competitiveness of the freight sector.

For these reasons and others, we stand in support of **SUPPORT SB 1104 (Gonzalez)**.

Respectfully,

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Cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez