

April 15, 2026



The Honorable Avelino Valencia  
Chair, Assembly Banking and Finance Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 5510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1793 (Ward) Cash Payments: Calculation SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Valencia:

The California Retailers Association is happy to support **AB 1793**, which would provide clear and uniform rules for rounding cash transactions in California. As the United States phases out penny circulation, retailers need certainty and consistency to administer cash purchases efficiently and fairly. **AB 1793** offers a practical framework that helps avoid confusion at the point of sale and promotes a smooth transition for businesses and consumers alike. This is a bill of common cents.

First, we thank Assemblymember Ward and his staff for working with us to address several concerns and to make the bill as straightforward as possible to comply with. They have taken the time to work with stakeholders and craft sound public policy.

Retailers operate thousands of registers across the state, often in high-volume environments where clarity in payment processing is essential. By establishing symmetrical rounding standards, **AB 1793** reduces the risk of inconsistent practices and helps ensure customers are treated equitably regardless of where they shop. This is especially important for a diverse retail sector that must train employees, update systems, and maintain compliance across multiple store formats and jurisdictions.

For these reasons, the California Retailers Association is pleased to support **AB 1793** and appreciates Assemblymember Ward's leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Allain'.

**Ryan Allain**  
Vice President, Government Relations  
California Retailers Association