

California Legislature

November 8, 2017

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Leaders McCarthy and Pelosi:

We are writing to you—California’s highest-ranking members of Congress—to urge you to protect the 40 million Californians we jointly represent from being harmed by the current tax proposal being debated in Congress.

Among our main areas of concern are:

- California taxpayers could see as much as a 22% increase in personal income tax.
- Capping property tax deductions at \$10,000 undermines Proposition 13 by effectively raising the property tax for many California homeowners.
- Eliminating the deduction for state and local taxes forces many Californians to pay taxes on taxes they have already paid.
- Cutting the mortgage deduction in half will make it harder for middle-class families to buy homes and will cost jobs in California’s home building and sales industries.
- Cutting the deduction for student loan debt worsens the problem of college affordability.
- Eliminating the tax-exempt private activity bond program and the 4% low-income housing tax credits that go with them undercuts the bipartisan affordable housing package the Legislature passed this year.

While we often disagree on tax-related issues, we do agree that if Californians are going to be taxed, they deserve to benefit, not Texas or other states. And California has already been a “donor state”—paying more in federal taxes than we get back—for far too long.

There should be no rush. Better to give Californians legislation they can be thankful for than to rush to pass legislation by Thanksgiving. As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce notes, “A lot of work remains to be done to get the exact policy mix right and move from a legislative draft to an enacted law.”

We, the members of the California Assembly, urge you to do everything in your power to convince the California Congressional Delegation, and all of your colleagues, to take the time to get the tax legislation right and to pass a bill that is fair.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,





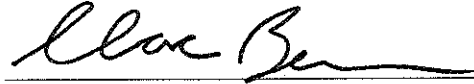
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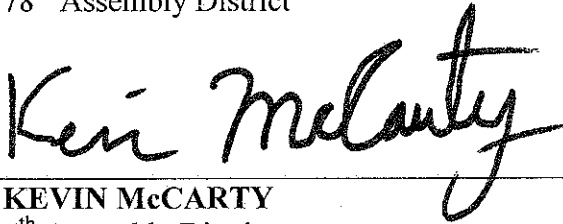
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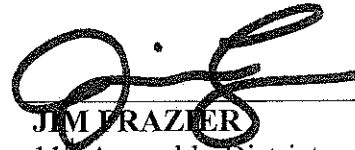
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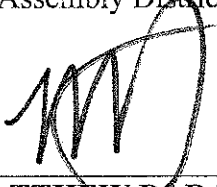
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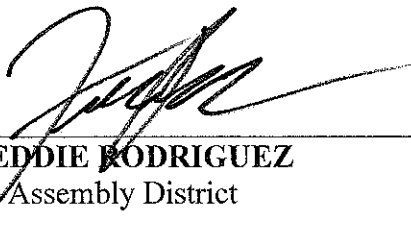
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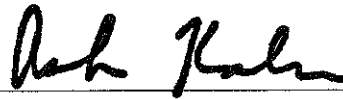
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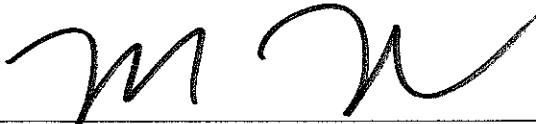
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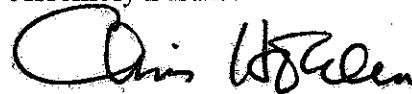
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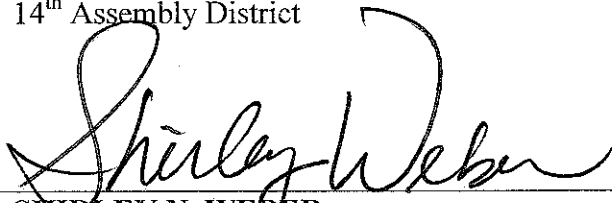
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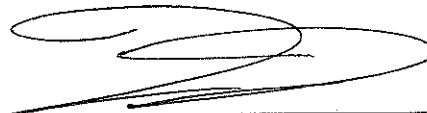
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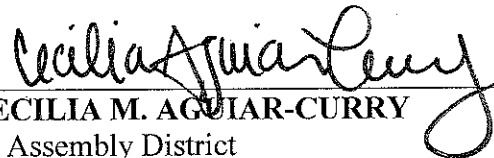
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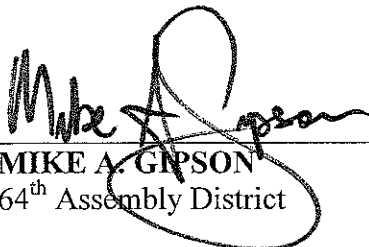
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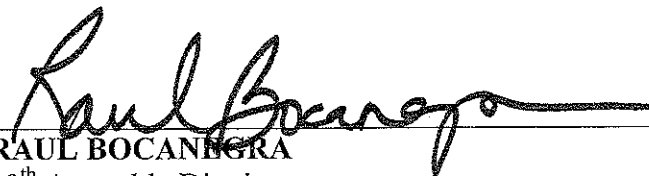
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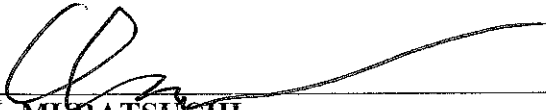
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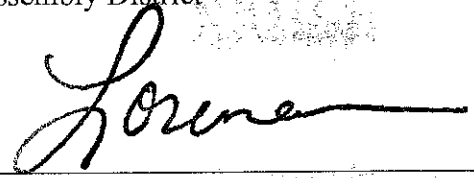
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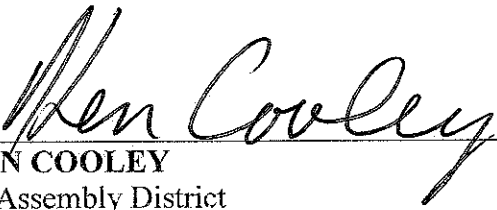
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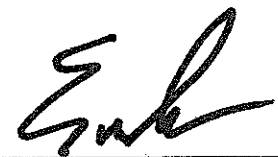
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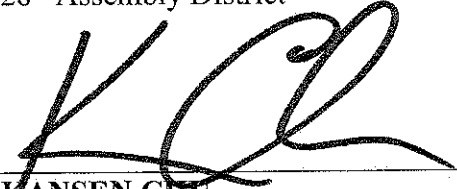
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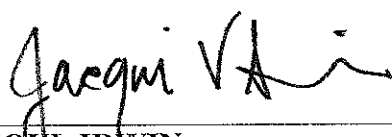
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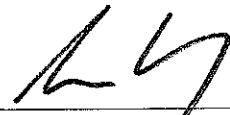
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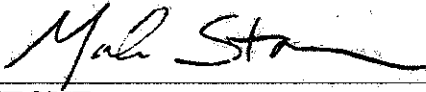
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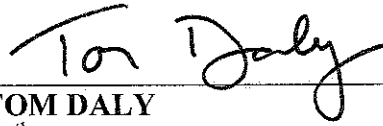
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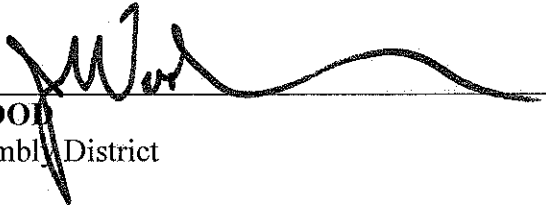
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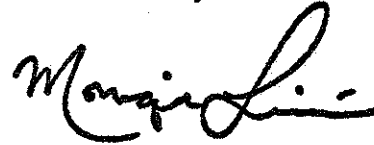
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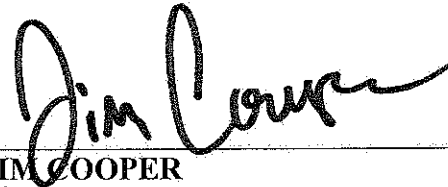
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