



CIOMA

Urgent

Help Kill SB 1400

Banning C-Stores from Selling Tobacco Products

SB 1400 (Wieckowski) recently squeaked through the California Senate and will now be considered in the State Assembly. We need your immediate help in stopping this measure, that bans c-stores from selling tobacco products, from advancing any further. ***This is an all-hands-on-deck effort.***

Here's what you can do:

- 1) Fax members on the GO Committee a letter. A sample letter, that can be edited, is provided below.
- 2) Contact members via phone or fax at their district or Sacramento office registering your opposition to SB 1400. A list of office contacts will be provided to you if you contact Joan Bosrock at Rinehart Oil, Inc. You can email Joan at jbosrock@rinehartoil.com or call (707) 462-8811.
- 3) Be prepared to join your business colleagues in Sacramento Tuesday June 21, 9:30 a.m. to show strength at the GO Committee hearing. Send an email to jaymck@cioma.com if you plan on attending and you will be sent additional information on that event.
- 4) Ask your vendors and customers to weigh in, opposing SB 1400.

This needs to happen very quickly since June 21 is coming fast upon us. Additional information and reminders will be coming out next week

If you need further information, contact Jay McKeeman or Trina Isidro at the CIOMA offices - 916-646-5999.

Sample Letter

Company Letterhead

I am asking you to vote NO on SB 1400 (Wieckowski) that will be heard in the very near future by the Assembly Government Organization Committee. AB 1400 will directly prohibit 30,000 retailers (including grocery stores, and the convenience industry) from selling tobacco products. I own, or provide essential services to, convenience stores. Sale of tobacco products provide essential revenues, allowing continued operation of a vital community service location. Prohibiting sales of tobacco products will create serious, if not fatal, consequences for my business. This may result in reduced hours of operation, reduction in product variety, and shorter work hours or layoffs for my employees.

There is no good reason to support the sales prohibition in SB 1400:

- Convenience stores have a well-deserved and positive compliance record; serving only those eligible to buy legal tobacco products.
- Convenience stores provide essential community employment and tax base support.
- My business provides civic support in the neighborhood - sponsorship or in-kind donations for sports leagues, community organizations and local events.
- Tobacco sales requirements including age limit, licensing fee increase and stronger enforcement funding have all taken place very recently.

Further, SB 1400 will have bad tax revenue consequences statewide:

- Reduction of approximately \$56 million in tobacco excise taxes, which fund a variety of public health programs.

- Reduction of sales tax by \$29 billion, negatively affecting both state and local coffers.

All the above reasons argue strongly to reject SB 1400. I urgently request your NO vote on this ill-advised measure.

Signature block



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June 13, 2016

Sent via Facsimile
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Assembly Member Alejo
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Re: SB1400

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Sincerely,

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