

ORGANIZATION LETTERHEAD

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2164 (Lee): Disability access: funding – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

The **ORGANIZATION** writes to urge your signature on AB 2164 by Assemblymember Alex Lee, which will help ensure that small businesses have access to funds to make accessibility-related improvements so that Californians with disabilities have barrier-free access to businesses and other facilities.

AB 2164 supports local jurisdictions by sustaining funding to improve accessibility in their regions. Specifically, the bill would remove the January 1, 2024 fee sunset, enabling local governments to collect the \$4.00 business license fee indefinitely. Additionally, AB 2164 would also clarify the ability for local jurisdictions to use these funds for grants to small businesses to fund accessibility-related certification, design, construction, and permitting fees.

OPTIONAL: BACKGROUND ON YOUR ORGANIZATION

For Californians with disabilities, barrier-free access to businesses and other facilities is a constant concern and the ongoing goal should be simplicity of compliance without being overly burdensome to small businesses that have already been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

AB 2164 is a common-sense solution that seeks to continue to make funding available to provide more certainty and protection to the small businesses most at risk of complications. For these reasons, **ORGANIZATION** urges you to sign AB 2164 into law.

Sincerely,

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SIGNATURE

TITLE & Organization