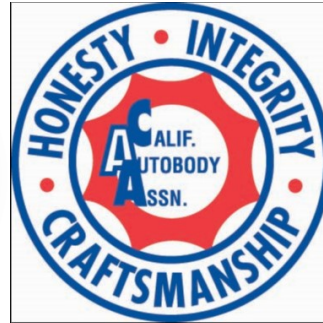


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The Honorable Jim Cooper, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4
California State Assembly
State Capitol Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95816

**RE: Trailer Bill Language; FLT #503 Labor Standards Enforcement;
Proposed Labor Code Section 238.6 – Revocation of License-OPPOSE**

Dear Assembly member Cooper:

On behalf of the above respective organizations, we are writing to express concerns and opposition to the proposed addition of Labor Code Section 238.6. The proposal would allow the Labor Commissioner through the Bureau of Automotive Repair to revoke or suspend an Automotive Repair Dealer's license for failure to pay a wage order judgment due an employee.

Our members are business owners and managers of all sizes and they appreciate the importance of collecting money including unpaid judgments. However, it is our opinion, that taking away someone's ability to earn money is simply bad public policy and counterproductive. The proposal would revoke or suspend an Automotive Repair Dealer's license thus denying the ability to operate the automotive repair business and eliminating the ability to generate income to satisfy the employee unpaid wage order.

Furthermore, revoking an employer's license essentially closes the operation of the business and imposes unnecessary hardships on other employees working at the automotive repair business, who end up unemployed.

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Finally, this is a major policy change that should not be part of the state budget process but rather brought forward through the open and transparent legislative process which would allow appropriate vetting among the respective policy committees and interested stakeholders.

We respectfully request that you oppose this proposal and instead seek alternative solutions that do not force employers to close businesses and displace employees. Whether that means working within the current court system or other local authorities to collect judgments during business hours, as the business receives customer payments, or other possible solutions.

For the forgoing reasons, we respectfully oppose the proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us, if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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