



July 29, 2022

TO: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

SUBJECT: AB 2164 (LEE) DISABILITY ACCESS: FUNDING SUPPORT – AS AMENDED MAY 19, 2022

The California Chamber of Commerce and the organizations listed below are pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 2164 (Lee)**, which will benefit both small businesses and customers by providing financial assistance to ensure facilities are accessible and will protect small businesses from frivolous litigation.

For years, small businesses have been targeted by bad actors who repeatedly file accessibility related lawsuits against businesses for technical violations. This has continued during the pandemic and has devastated small businesses trying to stay open.¹ **AB 2164** helps address this issue by providing small businesses with a financial pathway to proactively take steps to become accessible. The bill will provide small businesses with access to funds from the Disability Access and Education Revolving Fund to be used for construction of accessibility improvements. This proposal will assist businesses who are trying to ensure they are compliant with the law from being subject to frivolous claims or litigation. It will also allow such

¹ See, e.g., [SF's Chinatown Businesses Hit with Lawsuits by Prolific ADA Plaintiffs – NBC Bay Area](#)

businesses the opportunity to dedicate their financial resources to improving accessibility for their customers rather than litigation costs.

For these and other reasons, we are pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 2164**.

Sincerely,



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United Chamber Advocacy Network
Valley Industry & Commerce Association
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