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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
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RE: Recommended Veto of AB 485 (Medina)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 485, which requires local agencies to publicly report specified information when providing economic development subsidies of \$100,000 or more for warehouse distribution centers.

There is nothing in state law that prohibits any city or county, or special district for that matter, from passing an ordinance providing for the disclosures required in this legislation. Each of the state's 482 diverse cities must maintain the ability to make decisions that best fit their community. These type of issues are best handled at the local levels of government and do not warrant state-mandated disclosure reports.

AB 485 substitutes local discretion and decision making for state imposed requirements and mandates. Specifically, the bill imposes burdensome reporting requirements that no other industry has to meet on companies and local governments that want to enter into a mutually beneficial agreement for a warehouse distribution center.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove  
Senate Republican Leader