



California Metals Coalition

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TO: Assembly Floor Leader Karen Bass

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RE: Oppose AB 838 (Swanson), Indoor Heat Regulations

Dear Speaker Bass:

The **California Metals Coalition (CMC)** was established in 1972 and today represents over 200 metalworking corporations and 7 regional metalworking trade organizations—employing over 25,000 Californians with living-wage manufacturing jobs and benefits.

California's metalworking industry is arguably the world's leader for **efficient, clean, and safe metal manufacturing**. When compared to manufacturing facilities around the world, California is often the place to find the most technologically advanced, and environmentally conscious metal manufacturers.

The metalworking industry is the **world's oldest and largest recyclers**. California metalworking companies recycle millions of tons of metal that would otherwise end up in landfills. Instead, metals are recycled and manufactured into the components that fly our planes, housings that spin renewable-energy windmills, medical devices that keep our families safe, and defense items that guard our troops.

CMC is writing you in to oppose AB 838 (Swanson), which would create a new level of bureaucracy when dealing with indoor heat regulations. Metalworking facilities already implement training and mitigating heat illness through the Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). CMC also offers training videos to its members specifically dealing with heat illness.

Small businesses are under extreme pressure from customers to cut costs and lower prices. It is very difficult to compete when customer demands for cost reductions are outpaced by growing regulatory costs from the state of California. AB 838 would impose new costs and recordkeeping without adding new levels of worker protection at metalworking sites. **We strongly urge you to oppose AB 838.**

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Simonelli', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

James Simonelli
Executive Director