



California Metals Coalition

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TO: Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod, Chair, Business, Professions and Economic Development
Fax Number: 445-0128
RE: SUPPORT SB 356 (Wright), Regulations: Small Business

Dear Senator Negrete-McLeod:

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 support of Senate Bill 356 (Wright), which will benefit small metal manufacturing businesses by strengthening the existing laws regarding economic impact analyses of new regulations, paying particular attention to the cost implications for small business compliance.

Small businesses are under extreme pressure from customers to keep our prices low. It is very difficult to compete when customer demands for cost are outpaced by growing regulatory costs from the state of California. SB 356 helps level the playing field so that we can compete, grow, and continue to employ Californians. **We strongly urge you to support SB 356.**

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

cc: CMC Board of Directors; Senator Rod Wright