



California Coalition on
Workers' Compensation



April 17, 2015

TO: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

FROM: California Chamber of Commerce
Association of California Insurance Companies
California Association of Joint Powers Authorities
California Coalition on Workers' Compensation
California Manufacturers and Technology Association
California Restaurant Association

**SUBJECT: SB 623 (LARA) – WORKERS' COMPENSATION: IMMIGRATION STATUS
SET FOR HEARING – APRIL 27, 2015
SUPPORT**

The California Chamber of Commerce and the organizations listed above are pleased to **SUPPORT SB 623 (Lara)**, which would clarify current law so that no injured worker is refused benefits from the Uninsured Employers Benefit Trust Fund (UEBTF) and the Subsequent Injuries Benefit Trust Fund (SIBTF) based on their immigration status. The UEBTF provides workers' compensation benefits to injured workers who have been injured on the job and work for an illegally uninsured employer. The SIBTF is a source of additional compensation for injured workers who already had a disability or impairment at the time of injury.

Ensuring that all injured workers receive access to these funds is an issue of fundamental fairness and we look forward to working with your office on the passage of this important legislation.

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Camille Wagner, Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Brown
Christine Baker, Director, Department of Industrial Relations
Destie Overpeck, Acting Director, Division of Workers' Compensation
Mark McKenzie, Senate Appropriations Committee
Amy Throne, Senate Republican Caucus Committee