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RE: Request to Adjust State Tax Deadlines Due to Coronavirus Emergency

Dear Ms. Stanislaus and Ms. Hilliard:

On March 11, 2020, the White House announced that it would instruct the U.S. Treasury Department “to defer tax payments, without interest or penalties, for certain individuals and businesses negatively impacted” by the coronavirus pandemic. I respectfully request that your departments utilize your existing statutory authority to adjust state tax deadlines, interest, and penalties to match the federal government’s relief actions – or, if needed, to provide even greater relief for affected individuals and businesses in California.

The coronavirus emergency is disrupting the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Many small businesses—the economic lifeblood of our communities—are experiencing sudden drops in customer demand due to necessary efforts to limit the spread of this pandemic. Our tax agencies have a unique opportunity to provide relief to these individuals and businesses now, thereby providing a needed, immediate boost to the state’s economy. I also believe such course of action would be consistent with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20, which directs state tax agencies to provide extensions to individuals and businesses complying with public health requirements.

I also request your departments to identify any additional need for statutory changes that would facilitate this relief effort. I know my colleagues and I stand ready to take swift legislative action to sustain our economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Philip Y. Ting
Assemblymember, 19th District
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget

