



August 25, 2025

TO: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

**SUBJECT: AB 1018 (BAUER-KAHAN) AUTOMATED DECISION SYSTEMS
PREFERENCE SIGNAL
OPPOSE**

Dear Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

We, the undersigned California small business owners, are deeply concerned about AB 1018 and its potential impact on our small businesses. AB 1018 would make the AI-powered tools that are just becoming accessible to us to help run our businesses, serve customers, and support our employees, harder — and more expensive — to use.

We use several AI tools to work efficiently and compete with larger firms. AB 1018 would burden the companies that make and provide these tools with costly mandates that will force them to raise prices on their customers, including small businesses. Until recently, AI-powered tools were only available to the most prominent companies with the deepest pockets. AB 1018 will just push us, small businesses, even further behind.

In an already challenging economy, we cannot afford to lose access to technology that helps us save time, reduce costs, and compete with larger companies.

We urge you to oppose AB 1018 to stop new regulations from disadvantaging small businesses like ours.

Sincerely,

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