



CHAMBER  
*of*  
COMMERCE

**Via Email Only**

February 24, 2021

Honorable Elena Durazo  
California Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5066  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to SB 62 – Employment: garment manufacturing.

Dear Senator Durazo:

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce writes to you in opposition to SB 62, a bill that could impose liability on clothing retailers and other companies for the actions of third parties over whom they have no control. The Chamber represents many clothing retailers who act properly within the law yet nevertheless could be held liable under this bill.

SB 62 seeks to impose liability on a new category of companies defined as “brand guarantors” for the actions of third party garment manufacturers with whom they have a contract. This is an inappropriate extension of liability onto innocent parties and violates the common sense understanding that people should only be liable for conduct within their purview.

SB 62 creates an unwarranted presumption that a claim for wages is valid against a company if the employee provides the Labor Commissioner with a label or other information of a brand. This bill also adds unnecessary and burdensome requirements that every company in this space keep all documentation regarding garment manufacturing for at least 4 years.

SB 62 adds to an increasing list of potential laws that are imposing an unfair and increasingly insurmountable burden on businesses. SB 1399, the previous version of this bill, was labeled as a “job killer” by the California Chamber of Commerce, an apt description.

The Chamber strongly opposes this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Johnson  
President and CEO  
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Ben Allen; Assemblymember Richard Bloom; Committees on L., P.E. & R. and JUD.