



CHAMBER
of
COMMERCE

Via Email Only

September 27, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California

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

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce writes to you requesting your veto of SB 62, a bill that would 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 and unprecedented 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 adds to an increasing list of potential laws that are imposing an unfair and increasingly insurmountable burden on businesses. The Chamber strongly opposes this bill and urges your veto.

Sincerely,

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Todd Johnson
President and CEO
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce