



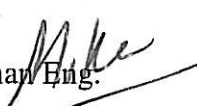
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Honorable Mike Eng
California State Assembly
State Capitol Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support AB 1899 (Eng)


Dear Assemblyman  Eng.

The California Newspaper Publishers Association supports your AB 1899, which would codify the governor's recent executive order and require state agencies to post agency audits and most contracts, travel and expense reports and statements of economic interest on the existing Reporting Transparency in Government website.

The approximately 850 daily, weekly and student newspaper members of CNPA have a strong interest in making government operations as transparent and easily accessible by the public as possible. AB 1899, by making permanent Gov. Schwarzenegger's executive order, will ensure the public's right to quick and easy access to records that have always been technically accessible to the public, but not always easy to inspect or obtain a copy. We appreciate that you have accepted our suggested amendment to AB 1899 that confirms that no provision of the bill can be construed to limit a person's right of access to information pursuant to a the California Public Records Act and Article 1, Sec. 3 (b) of the California Constitution.

Thank you for introducing AB 1899. We look forward to working with you to obtain the governor's signature approval of this important measure.

Sincerely,



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