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Assistant Majority Leader Kevin de León
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RE: SUPPORT: Assembly Bill 125 (De Leon) California Employee Savings Program

Dear Assistant Majority Leader Kevin de León:

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write to express my support for AB 125 that creates a voluntary, universal, portable retirement account for California workers who do not have access to work-based retirement savings.

[BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION]

Far too many California workers do not have the option to save for retirement through payroll deductions. Currently, approximately six million Californians, roughly 43 percent of the state's workforce, go to work at a job that does not offer them a pension or a retirement savings plan to supplement Social Security. In addition, many small businesses do not offer retirement plans because they are too complex and costly. As a result, approximately 40 percent of today's baby boomers rely on Social Security benefits for more than 90 percent of their retirement income. At this rate, Social Security payments alone, which average to \$1,081 per month in California, will not be enough to sustain Californians in their retirement.

To meet these challenges, California workers need a seamless, lifelong retirement savings system, providing them with the opportunity to build their assets and attain financial stability through a secure, portable retirement savings account.

[MY ORGANIZATION] believes AB 125 promotes expanded retirement security for working Californians by making it easier for them to save through payroll deduction while providing small businesses a basic retirement savings plan to offer their employees.

We are pleased to support AB 125 and look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,
Name
Title
Organization