

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4206
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RE: SUPPORT: Assembly Bill 325 (Beall) California Working Families Economic Stimulus Act

Dear Assemblyman Beall:

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write to express my support for AB 325, the California Working Families Economic Stimulus Act that seeks to draw down millions in unclaimed 100 percent federally-funded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) dollars for working families.

[BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION]

Every year during tax season, too many working families fail to claim their EITC refund – a federal tax benefit to reward working Americans earning less than \$41,646 a year. Many of these Californians do not apply for their hard earned EITC refund simply because they are unaware it exists. By designating the Department of Community Services and Development as the lead agency to raise EITC awareness, AB 325 has the potential to inject millions of federal dollars into the California economy by placing it directly in the hands of working families who need it the most.

These tax windfalls also give many Californians their best chance to save each year. This is important, given that over 30 percent of California households live in "asset poverty," meaning they don't have enough savings and assets to survive for three months at the poverty level if they lost their jobs.

[MY ORGANIZATION] believes that AB 325 is a common sense measure that will yield significant returns for working Californians. Other states have coordinated statewide EITC awareness campaigns to bring more of these federal dollars into their states. It's time for California to do the same

We are pleased to support AB 325 and look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,
Name
Title
Organization