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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 318 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

California Common Cause is pleased to support AB 318, your bill making corporate tax breaks and subsidies easily accessible online.

Our founder, John Gardner, said "We want public officials to have literally millions of American citizens looking over their shoulders at every move they make." AB 318 will help California citizens do just that. All the information that will be posted online is already collected, but this bill will make this information digestible. It should not take a special research methods degree for someone to inform themselves.

Cuts to the California budget are widespread. This transparency measure will enable Californians to have a fuller picture of who gets what from the state budget and hold them accountable as they deem necessary. If we are going to talk seriously as a state about how we should allocate its diminishing resources, there should be adequate information about all the places tax dollars are spent.

We hope that you will call on our office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Katie Fleming
Policy Advocate

cc: California Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation