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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia

California State Assemblymember

State Capitol Room 5135

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 184 (Garcia): Small Business Technical Assistance Act of 2015 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Garcia,

On behalf of [YOUR ORG NAME HERE], I am writing to inform you of our strong support for AB 184, the Small Business Technical Assistance Act of 2015.

AB 184 designates the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development as the lead state entity for overseeing the state’s federal small business assistance centers that include the California Small Business Development Center program, the Women's Business Center program, the Veteran Business Outreach Center program, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), and the Procurement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement program.

In addition, this bill will formalize state recognition of these programs as federal programs, operating in California, in order to promote and encourage California small businesses to take advantage of free counseling and low-to-no cost training and many other services; and will authorize GO-Biz or any other state entity to contract with these programs. If state funds are appropriate to support these programs, the bill will require them to report specific information to GO-Biz and to provide the report to the Legislature and the GO-Biz's Internet Web site.

[SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOUR ORG]

We support AB 184. If there are any questions, please contact [NAME/CONTACT INFO].

Sincerely,

[Signature

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