

TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL No. 7



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Assembly Member Sandré Swanson
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0016

Dear Assembly Member Swanson:

Sandre:

On behalf of nearly 250,000 Teamsters throughout California, I am writing to thank you for your brave and principled stand against AB 46. This ill-conceived bill, although designed to address real problems within the City of Vernon, contained devastating consequences for workers and industry alike.

In your thirty years of public service in Oakland, Berkeley, and other East Bay cities, you have witnessed the steady decline of heavy industry and good union jobs. You have always been on the front lines against this tide. AB 46 would have hastened the decline, putting thousands of blue-collar union members out of work in the midst of a terrible economic downturn and chasing their employers away. This was not good public policy as the collateral damage was too severe.

Unfortunately, you were only one of seven Assembly members who stood up against this bill and the only Democrat to vote "no" on the bill. It was only on the Senate side where more legislators joined with you, and we were disappointed to see some of the support it received there from other members of your Bay Area delegation. But through the work of legislators like you, this legislation will not be adopted, saving much-needed middle class jobs and employers.

Finally, please note that Senator Kevin De León, who also represents the district, has put forward a more straightforward reform package for the City of Vernon that addresses the governance issues.

We appreciate your long-standing support for working families.

Sincerely,

Rome A. Aloise
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President

We are with you.

cc:

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