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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 450 (Chiu)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 450 (Chiu) that puts private employers in a no-win situation with respect to immigration enforcement here in California.

I understand that the Legislature is upset with the President's handling of federal immigration policies, but AB 450 is a measure that will force private employers who are asked by Immigration and Customs Enforcement or another arm of the federal government to supply information regarding the immigration status of its employees in a no-win situation.

By making it illegal in California to cooperate with a federal official, what is a private employer supposed to do? Is the employer expected to ignore state law and cooperate with the federal government? Or is the employer expected to break state law (with a potential fine of \$10,000) and cooperate? AB 450 puts our private sector employers in an impossible situation.

The rhetoric over immigration in the Legislature has proved to be debilitating over the last year, and this measure is just the latest example of how partisan vitriol has poisoned the political process here in Sacramento. Please exercise common sense and protect employers who simply want to stay here, do business here, and hire people here. Please veto AB 450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone
State Senator, 28th District