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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Veto of AB 1228 (Holden)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully request your veto of Assembly Bill 1228 (Holden) which is a gut and amend that repeals AB 257 (Holden, 2022), raises the minimum wage for fast food workers to \$20 an hour and establishes a new fast food council responsible for regulating wage, hour and working conditions in the fast food industry.

This bill is a product of an exclusionary backroom deal between national and state big business interests and powerful California labor unions. Excluded from the negotiation table for this secret backroom deal were the very people most negatively affected by it: the small independent franchisee. The voices of these small business owners appear to have been purposely left out. It's shameful that these business owners were not included in the negotiations and were not given time to voice their opposition to the deal.

It is unjust to impose significant burdens on any stakeholder within an industry without first considering the voice of the stakeholder subject to the burdens.

This measure will be the final blow to the livelihoods of many small employers whose profit margins are very slim and are barely hanging on due to California's anti-employer policies. Further, the inappropriate and artificial increase in wages will only contribute to the state's affordability crisis.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Dahle".

Brian Dahle, Senator
1st Senate District