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The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 253 (Wiener) - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Holden and Members of the Committee:

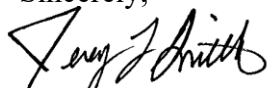
On behalf of the nearly 500,000 members of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, I write in opposition to SB 253 (Wiener).

California is not short on regulations on carbon-emitting businesses, manufacturers, and industries. The California Air Resources Board has been diligent in seeking to both monitor and minimize the impacts of climate change. We have worked with this legislature to do the same this year, including sponsoring Senate Bill 422, authored by Senator Portantino. We can do a lot by working together to make California cleaner and continue to lead in our efforts to fight the climate crisis. However, choosing instead to participate in an agenda designed to ultimately and prematurely shutter our state's industrial employers is not a productive step in that direction.

We urge this author to join us in fast-tracking new forms of clean energy, pollution control technology, and urgent updates to California's energy grid rather than continuously promoting legislation that will do nothing but deliver talking points and grab headlines. California can continue moving in the right direction by investing in new technologies that employ skilled and trained workers and drive socio-economic benefits in local communities.

It is for these reasons that we oppose AB 253 (Wiener) and request a NO vote when it is heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,



JEREMY SMITH
Legislative Representative

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cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, California State Senate