



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

October 25, 2017

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
2421 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Although I am not a member of your party, I am a fellow citizen of California and like you deeply care about our state. It is for that reason that I am writing to ask that you vote NO on any proposal that would take away the right of our people to deduct their state and local taxes from their federal tax bill.

I implore you to vote NO or to ask for more time so that Californians can have a chance to find out about the real impact of this proposal.

Getting rid of an individual's ability to deduct his or her California taxes is a horrible idea, but it is made far worse when you preserve --at the same time-- the right of corporations to take those same deductions.

Can you tell me how much your neighbors and fellow citizens will have to pay because of this proposal? Budget analysts say that it will cost them many thousands of dollars!

First, let's get the facts. Then, debate the issue. And then we can decide what's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over the printed name.