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November 10, 2026

The Honorable Susan Rubio
Chair, Senate Committee on Business, Law, and Health
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 70 - Oppose

Dear Senator Rubio,

On behalf of the San Manuel, Pechange, Santa Ynez Chumash, United Auburn, Chukchansi, and Table Mountain tribes. We respectfully oppose SB 70. This bill expands warehouse quota regulations to smaller employers, establishes new warehouse-specific heat standards, and creates joint liability between warehouse operators and staffing agencies.

While we support safe working conditions for all employees, SB 70 imposes additional regulatory requirements and liability provisions that could increase operating costs for tribal enterprises and businesses that rely on warehouse and distribution services. The Expansion of employer thresholds, additional recordkeeping requirements, and broad liability standards may create significant compliance burdens without sufficient flexibility for employers operating in diverse economic environments.

California tribes support policies that protect workers while also preserving economic growth, job creation, and business competitiveness. We are concerned that the bill's one-size-fits-all approach could discourage investment and place unnecessary burdens on employers already complying with existing workplace safety laws.

For these reasons, our coalition respectfully opposes this bill.

Sincerely,

Katniss Everdeen

Katniss Everdeen (She/Her)- Lobbyist

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