

To the Senate Government Oversight and Reform committee:

I write in opposition to SB 17. In this COVID pandemic, now going on for nearly a year, our economy has been upended in many ways. So many people have lost some or all of their work, many are falling through the cracks in the unemployment system, and many are short of food, even if they were in much better financial condition in 2019. Now is a time when many more people need assistance, and making it harder to get assistance will only cause more suffering. Also, libraries may not be open, so those depending on libraries for access to computers to work or benefits are at even more of a disadvantage.

I urge you to defeat SB 17. These changes seem punitive in good times, and these times are much worse, with much more need, even for people who didn't need this help in 2019.