

## California Association of Mortgage Brokers



TO: Members of the Assembly Banking & Finance Committee  
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SUBJECT: SB 36 (Calderon)  
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### **On behalf of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB), we respectfully support SB 36 (Calderon.)**

CAMB is a nonprofit professional trade association consisting of licensed real estate brokers, salespersons, and affiliated lenders whose primary business is assisting consumers in obtaining residential and commercial real estate financing. Mortgage brokers originate the majority of all residential mortgages in California. CAMB members subscribe to a Code of Best Practices and Ethics, pledging to uphold the highest standards of professional conduct, honesty and integrity, and to full compliance with applicable laws. CAMB supports SB 36 as amended.

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The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 signed into law by the President on July 30, 2008 requires California to adopt procedures to incorporate the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (the SAFE ACT.) CAMB is a strong supporter of the intent of the SAFE ACT, the implementation of reasonable standards for the licensing of all mortgage originators to the betterment of the industry and its service to consumers.

SB 36 is well crafted legislation that addresses the implementation of the SAFE ACT under each of the three loan origination licensing paradigms currently used in California: the Real Estate Law, the Finance Lenders Law, and the Residential Mortgage Lenders Act. CAMB applauds the general consistency used towards each channel; all loan originators should meet the same licensing requirements.

CAMB applauds recent amendments that cured earlier concerns. The recognition that Government Code section 11500 will provide a safeguard to DRE licensees who seek or possess a lending endorsement from unsupported license denial or revocation further strengthens the bill. The recognized ability of the DRE Commissioner to shape the required Business Activity Report to avoid redundancies with other reports required by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System is a reasonable compromise towards removing unnecessary expense and effort. CAMB remains available to assist this bill's author, the DRE, and the NMLS towards fashioning the most constructive and cost-effective reports possible.

CAMB supports SB 36 as amended and appreciates the efforts put forward by the author to include our Members in the discussion.

We appreciate your consideration of our suggestions.

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*The California Association of Mortgage Brokers promotes the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct, among which are expert knowledge, accountability, fair dealing, and service to our clients and our community.*

