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URGENT MEMBER ALERT

Contact Senate Republicans

Supporting AB 1188 – UST Measure

CIOMA Members –

We need your **IMMEDIATE** contact of Senate Republicans asking them to support AB 1188 and needed rule waivers to get it into play. AB 1188(Ruskin) is the measure that contains essential provisions providing a temporary cash infusion and other much needed changes to the UST program. AB 1188 contains consensus provisions agreeable to industry (CIOMA & WSPA) and the Administration.

A sample letter and contact information is included with this Alert. In addition a special web page has been set up on the CIOMA web site providing information you may need in contacting Senate Republicans - <http://www.cioma.com/USTLegislation09.htm>. *We need you to make contacts today, as the Republican Caucus will take up rule waivers at a Noon meeting tomorrow (Wed. 9/2).*

Here is what we need you to do – TODAY

1. If you are located or do business in a Senate Republican's district (see attached page) **immediately** fax them a letter at their Sacramento office – contact information and a sample letter also provided with this Alert. Feel free to modify the text with your own concerns or story.
2. If you are not in a Republican Senator's area choose the closest one and fax them a letter at their Capitol office.
3. After faxing the letter, especially if you are a constituent, call the Sacramento office and talk to a staff person about your concerns.
4. If you have a suspended claim or are a consultant affected by the claims suspension – call and tell your story to Senators Hollingsworth, Aanestad, and Dutton – the are Republican members of the Rules Committee where waivers are considered. The are bolded in the Republican Senator list.
5. Copy John Moffatt in the Governor's Office (fax number provided below) and fax copies to CIOMA – 916-646-5985.

Please act quickly – we need your help NOW!!!

John Moffatt, Legislative Director, Governor Office (916) 327-1009

Senate Republicans & Their Areas

(more district information can be obtained in each members web site; access provided at <http://www.senate.ca.gov/~newsen/senators/senators.htm>)

Sen. Sam Aanestad, (4-R) Siskiyou, Trinity, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Del Norte, and portions of Nevada, Placer and Butte counties

Sen. Roy Ashburn (18-R) Inyo County, Kern, Tulare and San Bernardino Counties

Sen. John J. Benoit (37-R) Riverside County including the communities of Banning, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage and Sun City

Sen. Dave Cogdill (14-R) Portions of Fresno, Madera, San Joaquin and Stanislaus, and all of Mariposa and Tuolumne counties

Sen. Dave Cox (01-R) Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties

Sen. Jeff Denham (12-R) San Benito and Merced counties and portions of Madera, Stanislaus and Monterey counties

Sen. Bob Dutton (31-R) San Bernardino and Riverside counties including the communities of Loma Linda, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Upland, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, Riverside, Mira Loma, portions of San Bernardino, Colton

Sen. Tom Harman (35-R) Coastal Orange County including the cities of Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Irvine, Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Cypress, La Palma, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Dana Point, Westminster and Newport Coast

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Sen. Robert Huff (29-R) Arcadia, Bradbury, Brea, Charter Oak, Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Crescenta-Montrose, La Habra, La Habra Hts, La Verne, Mayflower Village, Monrovia, N El Monte, Placentia, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Walnut, Anaheim

Sen. Abel Maldonado (15-R) Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, the southeast portion of Santa Clara county and the northern portion of Santa Barbara County

Sen. George C. Runner (17-R) California High Desert and LA region: the Victor Valley in Northern San Bernardino County & North Ventura County including Heritage Valley and Antelope Valley in LA county, and portions of the San Fernando Valley and Sunland areas

Sen. Tony Strickland (19-R) Portions of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties including the cities of Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks and a portion of Santa Clarita

Sen. Mimi Walters (33-R) Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Villa Park, Laguna Niguel, Orange, Aliso, Viejo, Coto de Caza, Foothill Ranch, Rancho Santa Margarita, Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, Irvine, Santa Ana and Tustin

Sen. Mark Wyland (38-R) Portions of Orange County and San Diego County

(On company letterhead)

The Honorable (first & last name)
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **URGENT NEED** for Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program Legislation & Rule Waivers.

Dear (Senator) (last):

AB 1188 (Ruskin) is currently in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. This bill needs to be passed before the end of this session to avoid a calamity of small business failures and the loss of essential "green" employment in this state.

Due to no fault of their own, hundreds of claimants and consultants working on UST remediation have had their reimbursements from the state's Underground Storage Tank Fund (USTF) indefinitely suspended. The Water Board inadvertently overspent the Fund by \$80 million late last year. This means that millions of dollars of work, already performed, is not being reimbursed. The category in which the suspensions has occurred (Category C) is comprised of small business owners and small consulting firms. Even in solid economic times these entities would not have the resources to withstand this huge financial hit. Today, things are even worse.

AB 1188 does the following:

- Increases the UST fee charged on motor fuels stored in underground storage tanks from 1.4 cents/gallon to 2 cents/gallon (6 tenths of one cent/gallon increase) for two years.
- Provides language that allows the Water Board to unsuspend over 1300 UST claims in the "C" class (CIOMA members) that are currently suspended indefinitely. This action has barred them from trying to get third-party bridge financing to assist in their continuing remediation obligations.
- Allows the 1300+ suspended claimants to file for reimbursement of bridge financing costs, within specified parameters. This is compromise language developed by the Water Board and accepted by CIOMA.
- Requires the Water Board to post the results of an independent audit they are having done on the UST Fund and program on their web site.
- Moves a program for remediation of school locations (created in AB 2729-'07 (Ruskin)) from accessing funds from the "D" category account, to accessing funds in the general claims account.

Please support the grant of necessary rule waivers and please support this measure when it comes before you. This needs to be passed by the end of this session or my business will face dire economic consequences.

Sincerely
(sign name)

cc: John Moffatt, Governor's Office
CIOMA

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