



CALIFORNIA TRIBAL
BUSINESS ALLIANCE

May 15, 2007

Honorable Fabian Nuñez, Speaker
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Nuñez:

The California Tribal Business Alliance **supports** the Term Limits and Legislative Reform Act, an initiative proposed for the 2008 state ballot that would shorten legislative lifetime careers from 14 years to 12 years, while allowing all of those years to be served in either the Assembly or Senate.

For 17 years, California has had the strictest term limits law in the country. While continual turnover of legislators has beneficially increased diversity in the Legislature, it also has diminished legislative expertise, caused speeded-up attention on what office to run for next, and hampered the Legislature's ability to resolve difficult long-term issues.

By allowing the overall maximum number of years to be served in either house, the Term Limits and Legislative Reform Act will add valuable experience and institutional memory to the legislative process. This modest reform of the current term limits law will provide greater stability in the Legislature and create an atmosphere that will allow legislators of both parties to work more effectively together.

The members of the California Tribal Business Alliance are the Pala Band of Mission Indians, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the United Auburn Indian Community, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. We appreciate your efforts to strengthen the California Legislature and we look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bobby Barrett, Chairman
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cc: Members of the Legislature



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