



March 23, 2022

The Honorable Buffy Wicks  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4240  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*RE: Letter of support for Assembly Bill 1993: establishing workplace vaccination mandate*

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

As a representative of the 4.2 million small businesses in California, Small Business Majority writes today in support of AB 1993, which will mandate all businesses in California to require their employees and independent contractors to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Enforcing a statewide vaccine requirement will remove the onus from entrepreneurs of enacting their own public health protocols in the workplace, thus allowing them to focus on getting back to work at full capacity.

Small Business Majority is a national small business organization that empowers America's diverse entrepreneurs to build a thriving and equitable economy. We engage our network of more than 85,000 small businesses and 1,500 business and community organizations to advocate for public policy solutions and deliver resources to entrepreneurs that promote equitable small business growth. A key component of our work involves outreach to small business owners on a range of small business issues, including access to capital, workforce issues, healthcare and more.

California small businesses continue to face financial setbacks, supply chain issues, and workforce challenges, and they are at an inflection point in their recovery from the ongoing pandemic. Our employers want to ensure the safety of their employees and that of their customers, but piecemeal protocols are only creating additional uncertainty for small employers. What's more, California small business owners already support initiatives that would reduce disruptions to operating their businesses. A recent Small Business Majority survey found that a majority of small business owners (59%) with employees support a state law requiring businesses to mandate vaccinations for employees.<sup>1</sup>

This is why it's imperative for legislators to enact AB 1993. Legislators are in the unique position to support small business recovery and enacting this legislation would help alleviate the uncertainty around maintaining workplace safety in light of the resurgence of COVID-19 variants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bianca Blomquist".

Bianca Blomquist  
California Policy Director, Small Business Majority

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<sup>1</sup> <https://smallbusinessmajority.org/our-research/california-small-businesses-support-statewide-covid-19-vaccine-and-testing-mandate>