



April 1, 2011

The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
Chair, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
California State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 582 – SUPPORT

Dear Chairman DeSaulnier,

Facebook is writing to express its support of SB 582 (Emmerson). This bill would authorize metropolitan planning organizations, in conjunction with their local air quality management district, to require employers of twenty or more employees to provide one of the following options:

- Give employees the option to pay for their transit, vanpooling or bicycling expenses with pre-tax dollars, as allowed by federal law;
- Offer employees a transit or vanpool subsidy on the transit system of their choice;
- Provide employees with a free shuttle or vanpool operated by or for the employer.

Facebook currently offers our employees all three options, an important part of our commitment to minimize our environmental and traffic impact. We believe that 582 is a small step the Legislature can take to lower the cost of commuting and advance California's climate protection goals, all without raising taxes or otherwise harming economic growth. We urge you to vote "aye" when SB 582 comes before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey Owens".

Corey Owens
Associate Manager, Public Policy
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