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Dear Senator,

Assembly Speaker John Perez introduced AB 46 last December and that, if enacted, will disincorporate the City of Vernon, a small highly successful industrial city where 1,800 employers are providing over 50,000 jobs. The City is technically located within his district. However, he has never engaged with the local businesses in the City, or their representative, the Chamber of Commerce, to outline why he believes this draconian measure is needed. He has totally ignored the initiatives underway by the Vernon City Council and the City Administrator to institute governance changes to address what they recognize was inappropriate in the past. His only comment in one short meeting arranged by the Vernon Chamber of Commerce on March 8 was that he had the votes in both the Assembly and in the Senate to pass the Bill, and the bill was not debatable.

Businesses in the City have worked with the City Council and the City Administrator to introduce governance changes within the City's structure to address unacceptable issues that have led to fraud by some previous City officials. These same businesses provide employment to many men and women residing in nearby communities, and contribute significantly to the economic basis of the region. Many of them have received overtures from the Governor of the State of Texas to consider relocation there in a more business-friendly climate.

Assembly Speaker Perez did indeed shepherd his bill through the Assembly in the form in which it was introduced, without amendments to reflect concerns that had been brought to his attention. The bill is now before the California Senate.

Legislation, by a powerful Speaker riding rough-shod over the concerns of this industrious community that contributes so much to the economic growth of the region without recognizing the efforts for self correction already underway, is arrogant.

Please vote against this bill when it is presented in Committee and/or before the full Senate, and thereby ensure that you protect the workers and the businesses that employ them in the City of Vernon, thus allowing time for the Vernon City Council and the City Administrator to proceed with the governance changes needed to provide fair and open government for this City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rosemary Mucklow  
NMA Director Emeritus

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