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The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva
Assembly Member
Chair of the Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee
State Capitol Room 6012
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2463 – Small Business Support Act of 2018 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Quirk-Silva,

I am writing to express the strong support of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for AB 2463 which would provide funding from the State of California for California's Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) and Women's Business Centers (WBC).

Specifically, this bill if adopted, would enable additional funds for West Company, Inc., the host for Mendocino County's SBDC and WBC. Our County is a strong supporter of West Company, we currently provide funding through our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and need their services to grow and to assist our County especially after the recent disastrous fire. The services West Company delivers and the economic impact they produce are absolutely critical to our rural economy, which has limited opportunities to create jobs.

The additional funding your bill would provide West Company to not merely increase its services – a very good outcome in itself for both our local and state economies – but without the limitations imposed by the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and CDBG, also create higher level services needed by our local, rural entrepreneurs to remain competitive in an increasingly global market place.

We thank for your excellent work and efforts on behalf of our local entrepreneurs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Dan Hamburg, Chair,
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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