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**To:**

Members, State Board of Equalization

**Subject:** 2020 California Personal Property Tax Filings

Dear Members of the State Board of Equalization,

For over 30 years I have represented California Public and Private Companies with respect to the preparation and filings of their Business Personal Property Statements. These companies are located in Fresno; Tulare; Orange; Los Angeles; and Monterey Counties.

In Fresno & Tulare Counties Gerawan and Wawona Farming merged at the end of last year. The number of Business Personal Property Statements to be filed in 2020 amounts to 40.

The problem here is that because of the merger their books and records are not complete; and because of the Coronavirus, staff is not able to come to work even though some are working from home and others are not well it's impossible to make the May 7, 2020 filing deadline with a 10% penalty being assessed.

With respect to Monterey County we represent the Dole Corporation which has 15 Business Personal Property Statements to prepare and file.

The same holds true for Dole —because with the Coronavirus —some

staff are able to work from home and others are notii so there is an issue of them filing on time.

In Orange County FujiFilm Corporation, a large manufacturer of Biomedical devices also for the same reasons has issues filing on time; and Titan Terminal Chemical transportation in Los Angeles has the same issues.

What we are requesting is either extending the May 7 deadline by 30 days to June 7; or maintaining the May 7 deadline and waive the 10% penalty for this year only.

I would like to add the County Assessment Appeals Boards' will be inundated with assessment appeals applications with respect to the 10% penalty issue.

We would appreciate your consideration of these issues.

Respectfully,  
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