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Mr. Nanjo,

I have to leave the call. Pls read the following statement on behalf of CATA for the group 5 wet signature issue. Thank you so much.

I am Peter Kotschedoff representing the California Alliance of Taxpayer Advocates. It would appear since we are past the initial urgency of the May 7th 571L filing deadline and as well as the May 31st extension that options 1 - 3 are no longer necessary. However, CATA is interested in supporting option 4 where the Executive Director develops a plan that identifies ways to expand the approval of eSignature programs across the state. CATA is in favor of perhaps an interested parties process that would allow eSignatures on property statements as well as other documents like authorization and appeal forms. We think there is a way to do this without creating an overly complex authentication process. As such, we would encourage the Board to adopt option 4. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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