

[INSERT DATE]

State Senator [INSERT NAME]
State Capitol Room [INSERT ROOM NUMBER]
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1875 (GATTO) SUPPORT

Dear State Senator:

I'm one of your constituents as you can see by my address below and write to urge you to vote in favor of AB 1875 when the bill comes to the California Senate floor in August.

This bill is important to me because it will help consumers, a seniors, or persons who are severely injured and dying, from abusive legal discovery procedures. The bill limits the time allowed for a person's deposition to one day of 7 hours or in some cases to two days of 14 hours. The longer time in complex cases will be provided to the company attorneys when there is a physician's declaration that the person being deposed is dying. The bill has an exception when longer sessions are agreed to or ordered by the court, and there are other exceptions that I understand were necessary to make it fair to those who opposed the bill. This bill moves towards a goal of making the California law similar to the law already in place and working well in federal courts.

This bill would have made a difference for me because [INSERT ANY SPECIFICS YOU MIGHT HAVE].

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE:

My (husband / wife) became ill and subsequently died of mesothelioma, a disease caused only by asbestos. We brought a lawsuit against the companies responsible for the exposure and went through many days (give a number if possible) of depositions. It was a very grueling experience and my (husband / wife) was in pain during that time. It should not have taken so long for the deposition to be completed because each of the company lawyers asked the same questions over and over again. Although my (husband / wife) didn't die during that time, (s/he) died shortly thereafter and I personally feel that (s/he) did not need to be subjected to such a lengthy questioning.

Under AB 1875, individuals deposed in a California state case will be protected from unnecessarily drawn-out deposition sessions. This bill will assist all parties and save court resources.

I would be very happy to meet with you or someone who works for you to tell them why this is so important to me. I can be reached at the address below. Please vote in favor of AB 1875.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]
[Phone]
[Email]