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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor
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**SB 469 (Vargas), Land use: development project review: superstores.
Request for Veto**

Dear Governor Brown:

I, John Gordon, am a city council member for Lemoore, CA and a former student of your Senior Advisor, Cliff Rechtschaffen. I penned this letter asking you to veto SB 469 as it impairs my city's ability to ensure environmentally minded growth. Currently, my constituents add an extra 20 miles to their shopping trip to save a few dollars by going to Wal-Mart. And, this legislation would kill the feasibility of creating a shopping hub in my town.

Cliff taught me great respect for the EIR process within CEQA during his Pollution Control Course and I am watching it function in my town. The process started for us in 2003 when Wal-Mart purchased land in Lemoore. It restarted from square one this year due to the after affects of the 2008 financial crisis and 2009 drought. The 2009 drought truly hurt my community and the adjacent west side farming communities which made all of them cost conscience. I hope the State will allow us to develop in a manner that meets our citizens' needs.

Finally, thank you for signing AB 876, the In-Home Supportive Services Bill. I am a quadriplegic and believe it will provide a needed safeguard.

Sincerely,



John W. Gordon