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The Honorable Juan Carrillo
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support AB 2371 (Carrillo and Flora) relating to electrified security fences

Dear Chair Carrillo,

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) California represents and advocates on behalf of the diverse and vibrant small business community in our state. As the voice of small business, we write to express our strong support for AB 2371 and the implementation of uniform security fencing systems.

Our members are deeply concerned by the substantial impact of commercial property crime on small businesses and are looking for proactive, preventative solutions that ensure the safety and success of their businesses, employees, and customers. We believe that innovative security solutions are essential to fostering a secure business environment. These systems provide an additional, necessary layer of security for businesses with outdoor assets on commercial, manufacturing, or industrial properties, helping to deter criminal activity and protect workers.

This bill proposes essential amendments to Section 835 of the California Civil Code. It streamlines the regulation of electrified security fencing that is integrated with monitored alarm systems and eliminates the need for additional permitting beyond what is required for an alarm system permit by local jurisdictions.

The stringent design and safety specifications for electrified security fences, as stipulated in Civil Code Section 835, are aligned with national and international standards for such equipment. We extend our gratitude to you for your leadership in authoring AB 2371 alongside Asm. Flora. This legislation is a significant step towards enhancing the security of small businesses across California, allowing them to better protect their properties and deter illegal activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tim Taylor
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