URGENT ACTION NEEDED: EXTEND CPRA EXEMPTIONS

Urgent action is necessary to make a modest, two-year extension of the January 1, 2023, sunset dates that apply to business-to-business and employee information under the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA).

- Employees were never intended to be covered by the CCPA or CPRA: The policy rationale for those sunset dates was to allow time for the business community and labor organizations to negotiate a compromise on comprehensive legislation to further protect employee privacy.

- Business-to-business relationships and transactions were never intended and don’t make sense to be covered by CCPA or CPRA: Data necessary in business-to-business context should not fall under a consumer privacy law – this data is exclusively for the purposes of executing and maintaining business-to-business operations. Forcing the law into these business relationships and these business transactions will further stress businesses’ already overextended resources and lead to excessive costs while producing no benefit to consumers.

- A two-year sunset extension is necessary to prevent significant and irreversible harm to California businesses: Companies are expending tremendous resources and finances in anticipation that employees may be covered by CPRA if the sunset is not extended. Such losses are being incurred to implement a law that was never intended to apply to employees. Providing a full legislative session to reach a deal on employee
privacy ensures that meaningful discussions can take place and that companies do not have to repeatedly stop and start compliance efforts.

- **Impact on small businesses will be devastating:** Allowing the sunsets to lapse will hit small businesses across this state with staggering compliance burdens when many are still digesting Covid financial losses. These are needless costs that can be avoided with more time. Even the state agency has been unable to issue rules on time on existing CPRA provisions. Challenges of remote work and complexity of this issue area only compound impacts on businesses.

- **Once the sunsets are allowed to lapse, there is no going back:** Businesses cannot afford the additional uncertainty that will invariably result if these sunsets lapse, particularly at a time when they already are struggling with (1) the impact of delayed regulations from the Privacy Agency and (2) continued uncertainty arising from Covid 19 and its financial impact.

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