



Fellow California Fire Protection Industry Members:

Are you aware, or have you considered just how much your business would change if **AB660** is successful in passing the California legislature in its present form? No matter how small or large your firm is, **YOU WILL BE AFFECTED**. We are asking you to consider your future as a member of the fire protection industry.

AB660 (a Union backed bill) requires **ALL** companies working on pre-engineered systems, engineered systems, and/or sprinkler systems to employ and use technicians who are enrolled in or have completed a sprinkler fitter certification program that includes 8000 hours (4 years) of training. Make no mistake about it; this requirement is not only for those that work on fire sprinklers, it includes companies and technicians that work on restaurant systems as well. We ask that you take the time to research and **READ** the Bill for yourself. You will discover that any "Grandfather Clauses" or "Owner Exemptions" are **MINIMAL**. **YOU WILL PERSONALLY BE AFFECTED by passage of this Bill, no matter how small or large your company is.**

CALSAFE is an organization that has been at the forefront of the battle to stop the passage of AB660 in its present form. In addition we were successful in assisting the stoppage of AB2288 during the last legislative session. After you have read the Bill, we ask that you **join our OPPOSITION of AB660**. Since 1993, **CALSAFE** has been and will continue to be the voice of our industry in California. **We watch out for and inform our membership of issues and changes in legislation or regulations that may affect our industry.** We currently have a lobbyist on staff actively soliciting support for our position in **OPPOSITION of AB660**. We have Board and Association members attending House and Senate hearings, meeting with governmental agencies and engaged in letter writing campaigns to legislators. This has been a protracted and expensive battle.

As a member of the fire protection industry, we need, and are asking your support and financial assistance. In this current economic climate, you may ask yourself if you can afford to spend \$225 a year to join an industry organization. If you stand by and do nothing, you run the risk of being unaware and uninvolved until it is too late to make your efforts count and change may happen that will have a far reaching and great economic impact on you and your firm. Can you really afford not to join? Can you afford to be uninformed? We say, "**No - you can't!**"

Let **CALSAFE** help keep you up to speed with what is going on and be your voice in Sacramento. We have included a copy of a recent "**CALSAFE News & Notes Newsletter,**" for you to review with our compliments. This quarterly newsletter is just one of the benefits our membership receives throughout the year. **CALSAFE** continually reviews, acts as watchdog and presents on issues that affect our membership. In addition, we provide annual meetings, technical tips, updates, a member Web site and other benefits of value.

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Consider joining **CALSAFE** (California Association of Life Safety and Fire Equipment) and make your voice heard. If you are not sure how this will impact your business, why not plan on attending the 2009 **CALSAFE** Annual Meeting and see for yourself what we can do together as united industry representatives. You'll be glad you did!

For your convenience, we have included a new member registration form, along with information on our upcoming Annual Meeting , which is scheduled for October 2nd & 3rd in San Jose, CA. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Thank you! We look forward to the opportunity to keep you informed on important industry issues and to represent your interests in Sacramento.

We hope to see you soon at our upcoming Annual Meeting!

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