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**County-Assessed Properties Division
State Board of Equalization**

Honorable George Runner, Chair
State Board of Equalization
240 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California Board of Equalization Meeting: August 21, 2018, Agenda Item G1

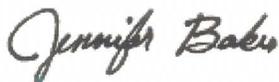
Chair Runner:

The California Teachers Association respectfully opposes the proposal before the State Board of Equalization which would mend existing rules around property tax assessment appeals. CTA believes the proposed rule changes would undermine education funding provided through county property tax revenue.

The proposed rule changes would restrict Assessors' ability to collect information and remove the tools they would need to properly administer appeals hearings. As a result, these changes would have the potential to harm revenues statewide which could impact education funding, possibly harming school districts when revenue streams have finally reached 2008-09 levels, which are far from adequate.

The CTA urges you to reject the proposed rule change which would harm funding for public education. For more information, feel free to contact me at jbaker@cta.org.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Advocate

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Honorable Jerome E. Horton, 3rd District
Honorable Diane L. Harkey, 4th District
Honorable Betty T. Yee, Controller
Dean Kinnee, BOE Executive Director
David Yeung, Property Tax Division