

MANI GREWAL

THE *DIFFERENT* DEMOCRAT FOR STATE SENATE

August 15, 2019

Dear Mr. Zbur,

Thank you for your letter.

As someone who opposed Proposition 8 in 2008 and most recently worked to deny a Modesto city permit for the "Straight Pride" parade in my city, please know that you can rely on me to stand up for the LGBTQ community.

The day before I raised my concerns about SB 145, Assemblymember Susan Eggman removed her name from that bill. When she did, I assumed that she did so because she agreed that the legislation was as poorly drafted as I did. I am somewhat surprised that six months later my position, which followed hers, is seen as an attack on LGBTQ rights. It is not.

You may have seen news coverage of a hate crime against my Sikh Temple last month. Like you, we have lived with hatred all of our lives. My support in your struggle against hate will remain unwavering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mani Grewal", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.