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Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2018

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to express the strong support of the Australian Industry Group for the one-off 12-month amnesty to encourage employers to self-correct historical SG non-compliance as proposed in the Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2018 currently being examined by the Committee.

Ai Group is a leading peak business association representing over 60,000 businesses directly and through our affiliates. Most of these businesses are small or medium-sized businesses whose compliance obligations can be difficult and expensive to keep up with and understand.

As an organisation we encourage and support businesses comply with their obligations including with respect to the Superannuation Guarantee.

The amnesty proposed in this Bill is a very positive measure that will both facilitate greater compliance and give businesses an opportunity to examine their own records and make up any instances of non-compliance they uncover.

The relevant amendments encourage employers to voluntarily disclose historical SG non-compliance and pay employees' full entitlements including the employees' individual shortfalls, nominal interest, and any related general interest charge on unpaid amounts of SG charge.

They provide this encouragement by providing a one-off 12-month amnesty to allow employers to claim tax deductions for payments of SG charge or contributions made during the amnesty period to offset SG charge, as well as have penalties and fees that may otherwise apply in relation to historical SG non-compliance reduced to nil.



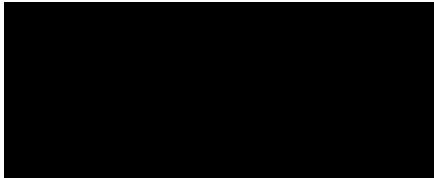
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We believe these amendments will provide an important incentive to businesses to uncover non-compliance. This will also benefit their employees both in relation to unpaid amounts and through more robust compliance in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



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