

State of California Senatorial Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Mike McGuire
Senator John M. W. Moorlach
Senator Jim Beall
Senator Robert M. Hertzberg
Senator Melissa Hurtado
Senator Jim Nielsen
Senator Scott D. Wiener

Re: SB 646

Dear Sirs and Mme:

I a property owner in Mentone, California, an unincorporated territory which has been forcibly taken over by Redlands, piece by piece, for many years. We in Mentone object to the forced annexation, which is required in exchange for water and - where it is available - sewer services to any new developments, and believe it violates the law prohibiting extortion. That is, although we are in Redlands' sphere of influence, they have no right to demand that we give over governance of our area to Redlands, instead of the County.

We are aware that people from Redlands have been very influential against this bill, solely for their own interests, but that doesn't make it right that the bill should die in committee. We have very few other resources with which to fight Redlands' greedy takeover. Please pass this bill through your committee. Thank you.

Very truly yours,