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I have lived in California for 73 years and have been in business for 45 years of my life. Never has business been so difficult to conduct in California as today. Never has California been so hard on business.

California will never get its budget problems solved, no matter what new plan is developed, until the legislature quits spending more than comes in. And, you will never create the incentive to encourage people like me to expand my business with the CARB and AB 42 regulations forcing us out of business.

The only safe place to go to work these days is in government. Those are the only high paying jobs with guaranteed retirement and health care. How do you expect to make California a great place to work or start a business when the state legislature makes it so dangerous to risk going into business?