



March 7, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of California

Re: IRS Office Closures Will Harm Working Families in Assembly District 13

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am outraged by the recent decision to shut down several Internal Revenue Service (IRS) locations, including the locations in my district. An ill-conceived move that will severely harm working families, seniors, and small business owners in California's 13th Assembly District. This decision is a direct attack on accessibility and fairness, stripping away critical in-person tax assistance at a time when people need it most.

Assembly District 13 is home to over 490,000 residents, many of whom rely on in-person IRS services to file taxes, resolve disputes, and seek guidance. The district is characterized by a higher-than-average percentage of low-income households and individuals without access to reliable transportation or high-speed internet, making remote assistance unrealistic. The closure of these IRS offices will force constituents to travel over 50 miles to the nearest location—an undue burden for working families and elderly taxpayers who depend on local assistance.

To make matters worse, these closures will lead to longer wait times, fewer available appointments, and increased service delays, particularly during peak tax season. San Joaquin County already faces significant economic challenges, with an unemployment rate higher than the state average. For many working families, the strain of commuting to an office over 50 miles away, coupled with the additional burden of taking time off work or securing childcare, is simply unmanageable. This decision will only add to the financial strain on residents struggling to comply with federal tax obligations.

Shutting down these IRS locations is not just an inconvenience; it is a direct blow to working families who depend on these services to stay compliant with our tax system. Our constituents deserve accessible and timely assistance, not additional barriers that make tax season even more stressful.

This is a failure of public service, and I strongly urge the federal government to immediately reverse these closures and commit to keeping these essential offices open. If the IRS truly values taxpayer service, it must reconsider this decision and prioritize accessibility over cost-cutting measures that harm the people it is meant to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhodesia Ransom".

Rhodesia Ransom
Assemblymember, District 13

Cc: Representative Josh Harder, District 9