



# ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.



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Assemblymember Todd Gloria  
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SUBJECT: Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America support for Assembly Bill 228

Dear Assemblymember Gloria,

The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America is pleased to express our strong support for your Assembly Bill 228. Our association includes 450 members across the United States. We count more than 90 members in California. More than 500 of our members and international colleagues do business at our annual book fairs in California.

We are grateful for your authorship of legislation to constructively modify AB 1570. Our members and colleagues in the rare book trade, as well as the collectors we serve, sincerely appreciate the efforts of the California State Legislature to safeguard consumers. Unfortunately, the unintentionally broad scope of AB 1570 actually threatens to undermine rights, protections, and legitimate commerce of both consumers and businesses, both within and beyond California. Regrettably, these unintended consequences were neither understood by the author nor substantiated by Legislative Counsel until after AB 1570 had been approved.

Your Assembly Bill 228 offers sensibly targeted amendments that will heed the laudable intent of the AB 1570 while mitigating this new law's tremendously damaging unintended consequences.

We are prepared to provide support and assistance to aid your efforts to pass this important legislation, which we thank you for bringing before the California State Legislature for consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

With kind regards,

Mary Gilliam  
President, ABAA