



August 6, 2015

Alabama State Legislature
Alabama State House
11 S Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the Birmingham Business Alliance, I write with great concern regarding **Senate Bill 51**, commonly known as the Mandatory Unitary Combined Reporting bill.

We believe that this bill will have a significant impact on recruiting businesses to the Birmingham region. Just yesterday, we heard from a company that had been days away from announcing a significant expansion in Birmingham. The company said that SB 51 was causing them to re-think their plans.

This project would have created 350 new jobs in Birmingham, along with over \$500 million of capital investment. The company has also told us that they will consider moving their current operations out of Alabama. So instead of new jobs in Birmingham, we are now faced with the loss of a major employer, all because of SB 51.

We expect that many other companies will react in a similar way. Following so closely on the passage of new economic development incentives, SB 51 threatens our ability to grow jobs in your district, and in the Birmingham region.

We ask that you oppose this bill should it come before your committee or the full body for a vote.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Hilson", written in a cursive style.

Brian Hilson
President and CEO
Birmingham Business Alliance