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Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)

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Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Premier of Western Australia  
Parliament House  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

**Re: The WA *Franchising Bill 2010***

With reference to the 'Peter Abetz' *Franchising Bill 2010* currently before Parliament we wish to add our voice to the debate by conveying to the Government our unequivocal support for the *Bill*. In our judgment the *Bill* will operate to address the imbalance in the relationship between franchisors and franchisees small business owner/operators.

We do not agree with the statement of Franchise Council of Australia (FCA) which has lobbied against the *Bill*, nor statement the FCA's state president claiming that the majority of franchisors are small businesses, in our view they can only be characterised as "big business", and this is yet another case of the big end of town seeking to use a position of power and "legality" to exert unconscionable and unfair control over small business.

This *Bill* presents the Government and the Opposition with an opportunity to stand up for a fair go for small business, and we ask that parliamentary tactics not be employed in frustrating the passage of the *Bill*.

Yours faithfully

**Combined Small Business Alliance  
of Western Australia Inc. (CoSBA)**

**OLIVER MOON  
Chief Executive Officer**

cc: Hon Simon O'Brien, Minister for Small Business; Hon Liza Harvey, Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business; Hon Bill Marmion Minister for Commerce; Hon Eric Ripper, Leader of the Opposition; Hon Lijlanna Ravlich, Shadow Minister for Small Business; Hon Peter Abetz.