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From the Desk of Assemblymember Maienschein

As the month of July ends, I am preparing to return to Sacramento for the remainder of the legislative session. It will be a busy time for legislators as we hold final committee hearings and floor meetings. I'm proud that measures I have authored continue to make it to the Governor's desk with bipartisan support. Most recently, Governor Brown signed my Assembly Bill 230, which builds on the success of legislation I authored last year to encourage youth sports leagues to conduct background checks on all coaches and volunteers. Specifically, AB 230 will ask every youth sports league to disclose their background check policies, assuring parents that important steps are being taken to protect their children.

Assemblymember Maienschein Attends Meet the Buyers Event

On July 25th, in conjunction with the San Diego Business Development Center, I hosted a "Meet the Buyers" event in Poway. This was a great event, where small businesses from throughout the 77th District were able to come together with corporations, large businesses and government entities to develop new relationships. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and I believe it is important that we take all steps necessary to ensure that the economic climate for them is a favorable one.

I would like to thank the San Diego Business Development Center, and the City of Poway for their contribution to the success of this "Meet the Buyers,"

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July also gave me the opportunity to spend time working in my district office, attending multiple community events, and meeting with constituents. It began with a terrific series of 4th of July parades in Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Santa Fe, and Rancho Bernardo. I was proud to celebrate Independence Day with our communities.

I was also happy to be a special guest at the "Meet the Buyers" event, hosted by the North San Diego Business Development Center. The Center puts on multiple events throughout the year offering advice to small businesses, which help spur job growth and benefit our regional economy. "Meet the Buyers" provides an excellent opportunity for small business owners to obtain invaluable information from experts, including free resources they can use to pursue contracts. It was a great event!

Feel free to contact my district office at (858) 675-0077 for any assistance we can provide. My staff and I look forward to serving you. It is an honor to be your Assemblymember.

Targeting Predators Will Reduce Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a huge problem in California and has become a highly profitable crime. According to a 2012 report issued by the California Attorney General, human trafficking is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry. Local and international gangs are boosting their "investment" in slavery here because of our large population and geographic location. In fact, traffickers use existing networks that move illegal guns and drugs across our state's borders to move their slaves.

event. If you are a small business owner and were unable to attend and you are seeking consulting services or workshops through the San Diego Business Development Center, please visit their website - sandiegosmallbiz.com/



Maienschein Applauds New UC San Diego Cal-BRAIN Initiative

San Diego has long been a national and global leader in biotechnology and life sciences research. That is why I was proud to support efforts led by UC San Diego to create a new statewide research grant initiative called Cal-BRAIN—short for California Blueprint Research to Advance Innovations in Neuroscience. Modeled after the federal BRAIN initiative, its goal is to, "accelerate the development of brain mapping techniques, including the development of new technologies." Mapping the brain will allow researchers to better understand such disorders as autism, Alzheimer's, and Post-Traumatic

I authored Assembly Bill 1791 this year to give prosecutors another tool to combat the growing trend of human trafficking. My bill would double the current maximum sentence that can be handed down to those who are caught engaging in these exploitative acts. I believe this is a crucial step towards protecting our youth from the dangers of human trafficking, which is why groups such as the California Police Chiefs Association and the Child Abuse Prevention Center support increasing such penalties.

Law enforcement is doing what it can to stem the tide. The Attorney General's report found that the state's human trafficking task forces identified 1,277 victims, initiated 2,552 investigations, and arrested 1,798 people for related crimes from mid-2010 to mid-2012. But it seems clear that more must be done at a time when the increased use of social media has given traffickers more ways to lure children into slavery.

I believe focusing efforts on those who solicit children and teenagers will go a long way towards eradicating human trafficking in our state. The trafficking of people under 18 years of age is especially appalling. It strips away their innocence, ruins their childhoods, and scars them with bitter memories for the rest of their lives.

The good news is that the Assembly passed AB 1791 on a bipartisan vote in May. I am optimistic that the Governor will sign the bill into law.

Stress Disorder.

Specifically, the program will coordinate research activities and facilitate communication across all the UC campuses, led by UC San Diego, to create a new industry cluster of "neurotechnology." The initiative received an initial allocation of \$2 million from the state budget and will work to raise additional funds from private and industry partners. By stimulating more research into the brain's activities, researchers will come even closer to understanding, and eventually curing, diseases that affect children, seniors, and veterans. I am proud that this program will help San Diego continue to be a leader in important medical research that will create jobs and help save the lives of people worldwide.

Celebrating Independence Day in the 77th District

To kick-off Independence Day, I started in Scripps Ranch. I handed out awards to deserving runners who participated in the 4th of July 10K race. I would like to thank the Scripps Ranch Old Pros for organizing the event.



I enjoyed seeing community members while I was at the Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Santa Fe, and Rancho Bernardo Independence Day parades. As I rode in the parades, it was fantastic to see the support and enthusiasm for our country. Riding in the parades with my daughters was a lot of fun. I look forward to the 4th of July every year. It was great to see our community celebrating and we had a terrific day!





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