1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND No. 2:17-cv-02573-MCE MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA, 12 Plaintiff, 13 ٧. **ORDER** 14 ROBERT P. DAVID, 15 Defendant. 16 17 The Court has reviewed the parties' filings. However, as the Eastern District of 18 California carries one of the heaviest caseloads in the nation, this Court is unable to 19 expend the additional time necessary to prepare formal written orders for each motion. 20 Thus, this Court will only briefly summarize the arguments, evidence, and matters 21 necessary to reach its decision here. 22 Presently before the Court is Defendant California's Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 23 43-2) arguing, in part, that this suit must be dismissed for Plaintiff's lack of standing, and 24 for failure to state a claim. In this action, Plaintiff Pharmaceutical Research and 25 Manufacturers of America ("PhRMA") seeks, in part, a declaration that Senate Bill 17, 26 codified as California Health and Safety Code Section 127677 ("SB 17"), is 27 unconstitutional due to its various notice, reporting, and justification obligations for 28 prescription drug manufacturers. 1

After fully considering the parties' moving papers, the Court DENIES Defendant's pending Motion. Plaintiff's FAC (ECF No. 38) makes non-conclusory allegations that: (1) SB 17 compels Plaintiff's members to speak when they would rather remain silent (FAC ¶ 96), contrary to the First Amendment; (2) SB 17's notice requirements improperly impact the nationwide WAC list prices of prescription drugs (FAC ¶¶ 3, 7, 26, 102), contrary to the Commerce Clause; and (3) SB 17's language does not articulate, and California will not clarify, if the "two previous calendar years" standard for WAC price increase notifications will be applied retroactively (FAC ¶¶ 84, 85, 90), contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause. Finally, California's Request for Judicial Notice (ECF No. 43-1) is GRANTED.

This Order encompasses the Court's final disposition of the motion(s) addressed above. No further order(s) will be issued.

DATED: July 30, 2019

MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE