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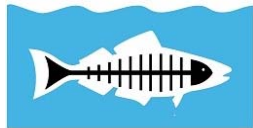
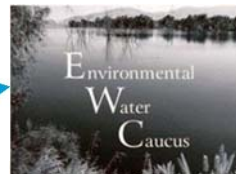
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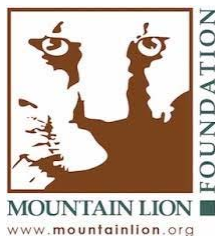
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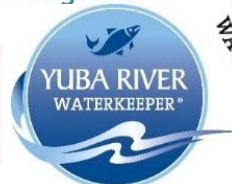


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February 28, 2019

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 1 (Atkins, Portantino and Stern) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express our strong support for your bill, SB 1. This legislation is critical as we work together to defend California's clean air and water, wildlife, and a healthy environment for all from the reckless attempts by the Trump administration to derail key environmental protections.

California has long been a leader in ensuring a healthy environment and workplace for its citizens. For many years, the state has enforced its laws protecting the air that Californians breathe, the water that Californians drink, and the wildlife and natural resources that our citizens prize, in tandem with federal agency partners. But the Trump administration now threatens that long-standing partnership with ongoing and persistent efforts to weaken or eliminate critical public health and environmental protections. SB 1 protects our citizens and our environment by ensuring that protections in existence prior to January 19, 2017 under the federal Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and workplace safety laws are not weakened, and gives California state agencies streamlined authority to enforce these protections under state law.

Californians are already suffering from the devastating impacts of climate change and continue to struggle with poor air and water quality. Recent wildfires have broken records and claimed dozens of lives, destroyed tens of thousands of structures, harmed wildlife, scorched large swathes of the state, and spewed millions of metric tons of greenhouse gases and toxic pollutants into the air. Despite these unprecedented disasters, the Trump administration continues to push an anti-environment agenda that benefits polluters at the expense of our nation's most important assets – our people and natural resources.

Among other rollbacks, the federal administration plans to scale back protections for animals and plants most at risk of extinction; dismantle protections for local drinking water supplies, salmon, delta smelt, rivers and estuaries; allow pollution from other states to cross state lines at higher levels without considering potential health impacts like asthma and increased heart attacks; and loosen critical requirements to find and fix leaks of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. We are alarmed by these attacks on the country's most fundamental and necessary environmental protections.

While California has long been a leader in protecting our natural resources, many of our environmental protections are built on a foundation of federal standards. Similarly, when it comes to enforcement of worker safety, we rely on a patchwork of state and federal rules to protect workers from catastrophic injuries. SB 1 is designed to strengthen that foundation by incorporating into state law existing federal protections for clean air, clean water, endangered species, worker safety, and safe drinking water when federal standards dip below certain baseline protections.

SB 1 adopts common-sense measures to allow California to continue on a path to economic and environmental sustainability – and reject the false choice that economic progress must come at the expense of public health, the vitality of our natural surroundings, and a healthy environment for all. For these reasons, we strongly support SB 1. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

350 Bay Area  
The 5 Gyres Institute  
Audubon California  
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners  
California Coastal Protection Network  
California Coastkeeper Alliance  
California Interfaith Power & Light  
California Labor Federation  
California League of Conservation Voters  
California Product Stewardship Council  
California ReLEAF  
California State Parks Foundation  
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Central Valley Air Quality Coalition  
Clean Water Action  
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Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust  
Mono Lake Committee  
Monterey Coastkeeper  
Mountain Lion Foundation  
National Stewardship Action Council  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
The Nature Conservancy  
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Orange County Coastkeeper  
The Otter Project  
Pesticide Action Network  
Planning and Conservation League  
Protect American River Canyons  
Restore the Delta  
Russian Riverkeeper  
San Diego Coastkeeper  
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper  
Save Our Shores  
Save The Bay

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Southern California Watershed Alliance  
State Building & Construction Trades Council  
Surfrider Foundation  
The Trust for Public Land  
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cc: The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
The Honorable Henry Stern