



March 7, 2017

The Honorable David Chiu  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

**SUBJ: AB 71- Bring California Home Act**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE, UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

The California Sportfishing League (CSL), a leading advocate for California's 2.7 million anglers, is concerned about legislation that aims to eliminate the interest deductions for second homes.

What may not be apparent is that AB 71 will also eliminate the interest deductions for previously qualifying boating vessels, and even recreational vehicles. This tax incentive is a major factor for California anglers and boaters when they consider significant investments in outdoor recreation.

Moreover, this legislation will have a negative impact on communities and jobs dependent on boat sales, and outdoor tourism. Today, California's boating community generates over \$8.4 billion in annual economic activity. Additionally, there are over 800,000 registered vessels in California.

In times of economic uncertainty, the California State Legislature should be looking for ways to stimulate economic activity, not hinder it. For these reasons, CSL is opposed to AB 71, unless it is amended to provide an exemption for boats and vessels. Thank you for considering the views of California's angling community.

Sincerely,

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Marko Mlikotin  
Executive Director