



March 21, 2018

Environmental Toxic and Substances Committee  
Assembly Member Bill Quirk, Chair  
and Members of the Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 171  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Oppose Assembly Bill 2787 (Quirk): Lead Fishing Weight Ban**

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is America's leading small business association, promoting and protecting the right of our members to own, operate and grow their business.

Recreational fishing in California contributes over \$4.6 billion in economic activity each year, supporting small businesses, jobs and generating tax revenue for nearly every California community dependent on outdoor tourism and recreation. If this bill becomes law it will make fishing too costly and harm a great form outdoor recreation that draws tens of thousands of visitors to California from all over the world.

In a state that has the costliest fishing license in the country (w/permits), making fishing even more expensive for consumers will harm American tackle manufacturers and tackle shops, tourism and many other small businesses that depend on visitors for economic opportunity and jobs, including many from within your district.

On behalf of all small business owners, please consider the economic consequences of your legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Katateck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Katateck  
State Director