



March 16, 2017

The Honorable James Gallagher  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Gallagher,

I'm writing to you tonight urging your support for AB 986. As a lifelong California resident, angler and member of the states Sportfishing Industry, I'm certain that this bill will increase both license sales and subsequent participation in our sport. AB 986 will also provide a very well deserved discount for veterans that have so honorably served our country!

As annual licensing fees increase more and more anglers hold off purchasing their licenses until fishing is exceptional. This in effect creates a shortened fishing season and in many cases anglers simply stop fishing due to the high cost of licensing. In other words they limit their amount of trips, which also limits fuel purchases, tackle purchases, fishing charters etc. This is certainly not good for our economy let alone the health of the state DFW which depends on license sales and excise tax for funding. Please support AB 986!

Sincerely,

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