



March 13, 2018

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

Dear Assembly Member Quirk,

I am writing you on behalf of the anglers in your district.

Coyote Bait and Tackle originally opened as a fruit stand in 1974, and has stood the test of time and proven to be the premier bait & tackle shop in Northern California. We have since transformed the produce stand into the most elaborate array of fishing gear, covering all your freshwater and saltwater needs. With deep roots in the fishing community for over 40 years, we can see how this legislation would hurt our community, customers, and business.

Your legislation will have a devastating impact on sales for my business and my ability to provide work for my employees. The alternative to lead weights can cost two-three times, and perhaps, even more. Higher costs will discourage not only existing anglers to fish, but those who may someday be introduced to a great form of outdoor recreation.

My understanding is that your legislation does not require extensive analysis to determine whether fishing weights are having a significant negative impact on California wildlife populations. Before harming my business and the future of recreational fishing, the responsible action to take would be to amend your bill to require analysis specific to California. Before your bill becomes law, we need to know which wildlife populations are impacted, how many and where. And, whether there is any merit to a statewide ban, a regional one or none at all.

I strongly urge you to consider the consequences of this proposed legislation and absent meaningful amendments, please withdraw your bill. The anglers who frequent my store are your constituents, and I am sure they share my point of view.

Sincerely,  
Denise Bradford

Signature  
Name