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SB 49 (De León/Stern) **CA Environment, Public Health, and Worker's Defense Act**

PURPOSE: SB 49 ensures clean air, clean water, endangered species, and worker safety standards that have been in place for as long as 50 years are not rolled back as a result of the anti-environment actions of the President and Congress. In the past four months, the new administration and congress have adopted action after action to weaken, roll back, and outright repeal longstanding and well-accepted standards to protect public health and the environment. SB 49 simply ensures those standards stay in place to protect everyday Californians, even if the federal government rolls them back.

BACKGROUND: California is the most populous state in the union with nearly 40 million people. It is the third largest state by area at 163,696 square miles. It is the 6th largest economy on the planet, boasting high-tech industries, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, film, and finance and trade –just to name a few industries.

California's geographic, population, and economic size make its impact global in nature. The state's vast size has also brought an enormous impact on the environment. California has long struggled with some of the most polluted air in the country, discharge of pollution into our water and soil has led to contamination that has degraded the environment and public health.

President Trump has taken numerous actions in the first four months in office to roll-back environmental protections in the United States and in California. The anti-environment majorities in the Congress have taken similar actions to roll back laws and regulations, and to weaken longstanding federal protections for air and water.

PROPOSAL: SB 49 simply provides that any federal environmental or worker safety standard in place and effective as of January 1, 2017 shall remain in effect and be enforceable under state law even if the federal government rolls it back. SB 49 does not impose any NEW requirements: it simply ensures that the protections that have been in place under federal law, in some cases for decades, are not weakened or eliminated due to federal anti-environment actions.

SUPPORT:

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO
American Lung Association in California
American Rivers; American Whitewater
APEN; Audubon California
Audubon Society
The Bay Institute
Butte Environmental Council
Cal Outdoors; California Bicycle Coalition
California Coastal Protection Network
California Environmental Justice Alliance
California Labor Federation
California League of Conservation Voters
California Native Plant Society, California Releaf
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
California State Association of Electrical Workers
California Water Impact Network; California Wilderness Coalition
Central Valley Air Quality Coalition; Clean Water Action
Coalition for Clean Air
Defenders of Wildlife
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Engineers & Scientists of California, IFPTE Local 20, AFL-CIO
Environment California
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Working Group
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Foothill Conservancy
Fossil Free California
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks
Friends of the River
Eric Garcetti, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
Heal the Bay
Hills For Everyone
Marin County Board of Supervisors
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers
Mono Lake Committee
Natural Resources Defense Council
The Nature Conservancy
PAN
Restore the Delta
Sacramento River Preservation Trust
SEIU California

Sierra Club

OPPOSE:

Agricultural Council of California
American Coatings Association
California Association of Realtors
California Association of Winegrape Growers
California Building Industry Association
California Business Properties Association
California Cattlemen's Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Citrus Mutual
California Construction and Industrial Materials Association
California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association, Inc.
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Forestry Association
California Fresh Fruit Association
California League of Food Processors
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
California Paint Council
California Strawberry Commission
CAWA – Representing the Automotive Parts Industry
Chemical Industry Council of California
Civil Justice Association of California
Family Business Association of California
Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce
Metal Finishing Association of Northern California
Metal Finishing Association of Southern California;
National Federation of Independent Business
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
South Valley Water Association
Southwest California Legislative Council
West Coast Lumber & Building Material

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