

IN BRIEF

SB 1 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 two years, the new administration and congress have adopted action after action to weaken, roll back, and outright repeal longstanding and well-accepted standards to protect workers, public health and the environment. SB 1 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 5th 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.

THE ISSUE

The current Administration in Washington DC has worked 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.

THE SOLUTION

SB 1 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 1 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

350 East Bay

American Lung Association in California

American Rivers

American Whitewater

APEN

Audubon Society

CA Building and Construction Trades

Butte Environmental Council

Cal Outdoors

California Native Plant Society

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

California Water Impact Network

California Wilderness Coalition

CA Labor Federation

Central Valley Air Quality Coalition

Clean Water Action

Coalition for Clean Air

Defenders of Wildlife

Foothill Conservancy

Fossil Free California

Friends of the River

Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Nature Conservancy

Restore the Delta

Sacramento River Preservation Trust

Sierra Club California

South Yuba River Citizens League

Surfrider Foundation

The Bay institute

The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

Winnemem Wintu Tribe

OPPOSITION

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