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SENATOR, EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

December 1, 2014

Mr. Charlton Bonham, Director
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Mr. Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director
California Fish and Game Commission
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Re: Phase-In of AB 711 (Non-Lead Ammunition) and Follow-Up Legislation to Provide Alternatives

Dear Mr. Bonham and Mr. Mastrup:

We, the undersigned, request that the Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife not expedite the implementation of the ban on traditional (lead) ammunition as provided for in AB 711.

The Commission and Department are urged to take a well thought out and reasoned approach to implementation spanning the entire length of the time period provided for this purpose by the bill.

It is also urged that the Commission and Department give serious consideration to supporting follow-up legislation that would provide a practical alternative to an outright ban on traditional ammunition for hunting, such as requiring a hunter to bury, cover or otherwise make unavailable to predators or scavengers any entrails, carcasses or other remains of animals taken by the hunter unless the hunter used non-lead ammunition to do so.

The Governor, in his signing message for AB 711, acknowledged the importance of hunters as conservationists, and asked that the Department and the Commission work together in implementing AB 711 to find an approach that provides the least amount of disruption to hunters possible.

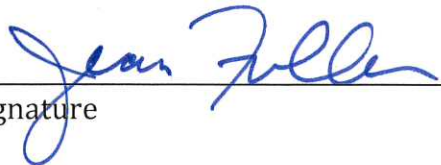
We support this objective.

There is also serious concern whether non-lead ammunition will actually be available to hunters or, if so, whether there will be adequate supplies in popular hunting cartridges. At present, ammunition manufacturers are reluctant to produce it as the federal government has classified it as prohibited armor piercing ammunition.

Lastly, independent research has shown that the likely negative impacts of AB 711, as enacted, on hunters, businesses and the Department of Fish and Wildlife budget would be substantial without reasonable alternatives such as that described above.

Accordingly, the commission is urged to proceed cautiously in implementing AB 711 and to consider supporting reasonable legislative revisions.

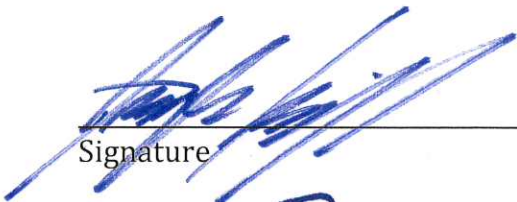
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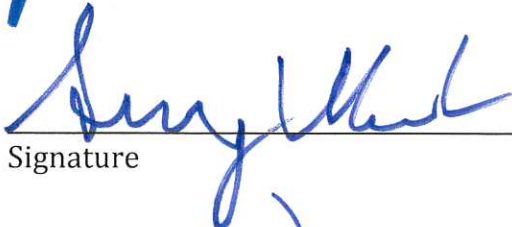
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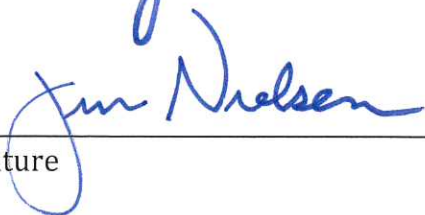
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