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Ladies and Gentlemen:

RE: Implement Lead Ammo Ban Immediately—Agenda Item 29-Feb 12, 2015

The statistics from study after study and overwhelming evidence proves the incredible harmful impacts that lead is having on children, pregnant women (especially fetuses), other humans, and animals. Whether it's wildlife consuming gut piles, families serving venison, or food bank feeding donated game to unsuspecting disadvantaged, the impacts can be devastating when lead is consumed.

California cannot drag its collective feet in implementing AB 711. Lead is a known, dangerous neurotoxin, even at low levels. As an example, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tested 736 people, mostly adults, in six North Dakota cities and found that those who ate wild game had 50 percent more lead in their blood than those who did not.¹ The North Dakota departments of Health, Agriculture and Game and Fish advised food pantries across the state NOT to distribute or use donated ground venison because of the discovery of contamination with lead fragments.

We are playing "Russian Roulette" with lead ammunition and putting lives at risk—both human and wildlife. NON-lead ammunition exists, and Capitalism will ensure that stocks will increase. In the meantime, lives should not be sacrificed simply because some claim non-lead ammo may be "hard to find."

We respectfully urge that the implementation of AB 711 be completed as quickly as possible, and not be delayed for any reasons. The inconveniences involved do not trump the mental and physical health of innocents.

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¹ Wild Meat Raises Lead Exposure, <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/wild-game-deer-venison-condors-meat-lead-ammunition-ban/>