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Dear Commissioners Kellog and Baylis:

I am unable to attend the Wildlife Resources Committee meeting on July 28th, and want to submit this written comment regarding Agenda Item 2 (AB 711).

The Department has released a draft plan that bans lead ammunition on State lands by 2015. The Department's own research states that the use of lead-free ammo in condor zone is inconclusive. Therefore, what science-based reason is there for implementing the ban on State lands in 2015?

As you know, once the 2019 ban is in effect, hunters will be required to use non-lead ammo "from now on." By implementing the ban on public lands in 2015, this essentially makes the upcoming deer season the final lead-use deer season in California. I feel this places an unnecessary burden on State land hunters. This 2015 State land ban means many hunters will have a surplus of lead ammunition that cannot be used for hunting. An early implementation of the ban will place unreasonable fiscal stress on public land hunters.

The Governor's signing message for AB 711 states that there should also be "incentives for hunters" when implementing the ban. Contrary to the Governor's message, and early implementation on State lands is a definitive disincentive for public land hunters.

Respectfully,

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