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To whom this may concern,

This law is based on flawed science. As I read the reasons behind it it became apparent that the reasoning was flawed. The main premise is that animals eat the internal organs which are left in the field by hunters, and ingest lethal amounts of lead and are poisoned slowly to death. The article stated that when a hunter shoots the animal lead fragments wind up in the internal organs. This is the first non accurate "fact" that was stated. Most hunters do not shot the animal in the stomach or intestines. The shot is usually in the front part of the animals chest. Secondly most projectiles used by most hunters today wind up exiting the animal. So there wouldn't be any bullet fragments in the body cavity.

The second non accurate "fact" was when it was stated that when a coyote or condor or vulture or some other scavenger comes along and eats the remains, they go off to die of lead poisoning. And then the next scavenger which eats the last scavenger does the same thing, so on and so forth. An animal would have to ingest an enormous amount of lead daily in order for it to die of lead poisoning. As you know there is fierce competition among scavengers for their next meal. In order for this "fact" to even remotely stand up in the court of common sense, there could only be one or two scavengers feeding on the remains of every animal harvested by sportsmen across the entire state. And then each animal would have to have been shot in the stomach or intestinal region with a bullet which fragmented and did not exit.

As you are well aware, there are 100's of thousands coyotes, Ravens, vultures, millions of crows, and so forth. I challenge this commission to show proof to the sportsmen of California of a single predator that has died do to ingesting a lead bullet or several for that matter.

I have noticed the California condor isn't really making any amount of a population surge since the lead ban went into effect a few years back in its range. That ban was put into effect with the same flawed theory. Why double down on a bad law? It's not working in condor range now, so why would the California Department of Fish and Game think it will work in the rest of the state?

I am a 51 year old sportsman who has hunted since I was 10 years old. I have 42 years of experience in the outdoors. My entire family for the last 5 generations have been hunting big game in California. I can only recall a hand few of times when an animal was shot inappropriately, and the projectile still exited the animal.

I truly hope this law will not be put into effect. The people of California deserve better.

Thank you for your time, please forward this to the powers that be. Feel free to contact me at this email address if my request generates some action.

Sincerely,
Dan Parker

Sent from my iPad