

**Spank you message to your Assemblymember/Senator who voted the wrong way:**

Dear **Assemblymember \_\_\_\_\_** or **Senator \_\_\_\_\_**:

I am writing to express my deep disappointment with your vote in favor of Senate Bill 131. Despite the concerns raised about this bill and its impact on important habitat and overburdened communities, you voted in favor of this bill.

Since this bill sidestepped the regular legislative process and provided little time for legislators to review and understand its impacts, I hope that you will take the time to understand our concerns and tell **[Senate Pro Tem McGuire/Speaker Rivas]** that the legislature must pass legislation before the end of session to fix two critical issues:

1. Add habitat and lands important for Natural Community Conservation Plans/Habitat Conservation Plans to the definition of “natural and protected lands.”
  - Habitat must be added to the list of “natural and protected lands” to ensure that the CEQA exemptions in SB 131 are subject to avoiding and mitigating impacts on important habitat lands for endangered and threatened species. No mitigation for loss of important habitat would lead to an overall loss of habitat in California, potentially pushing declining species closer to extinction. This outcome directly undermines the state’s statutory goal of achieving 30x30.
2. Remove the Advanced Manufacturing CEQA exemption.
  - Advanced manufacturing is defined in Public Resources Code Section 26003(a) as any manufacturing process that “improves existing or creating entirely new materials, and processes” in a number of technological areas. This broad and vague definition also could include semiconductor facilities and other extremely risky facilities like nuclear, lithium compound, heavy metal, chemical recycling, battery manufacturing, or any manufacturing facility if it is using new materials and/or processes.

I also urge that you oppose future efforts to roll back environmental protections in subsequent legislation. I am deeply concerned about proposals to exempt oil drilling and other energy projects from environmental review, particularly CEQA. California’s biodiversity is already at risk with federal proposals to remove important protections to our endangered species and public lands. California should be enacting laws to protect communities and the environment, not roll them back.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
**[Your Name]**