

Tell Governor Newsom to oppose SB 404



Senate Bill 404 would gut environmental regulations for metal shredders, giving megapolluters like Radius Recycling carte blanche to pollute our communities.

Governor Newsom is days away from signing Senate Bill 404 into law. The governor needs to hear from us: we reject this toxic bill.

Step 1: Click here to open an email to the governor.

Step 2: Copy and paste your letter.

Copy and paste the message below into your email. Don't forget to replace the [yellow text] with your information, including who you are, where you live, and why metal shredder pollution matters to you.

Email message:

Dear Governor Newsom,



[INTRODUCE YOURSELF HERE.] I am writing to share my concerns about Senate Bill 404, which undermines the voices of thousands of Californians who are directly impacted by the health, environmental, and quality-of-life impacts of the state's large metal shredding facilities.

As written, this bill is deeply problematic in many ways:

- SB 404 redefines many of the industry's toxic emissions as non-hazardous in direct contradiction of scientific evidence, including Light Fibrous Material atoxic heavy metals. These materials are flammable and toxic enough to meet the legal definition for hazardous waste.
- SB 404 allows the industry to self-regulate by merely submitting self-written, unenforceable "plans" without adequate monitoring, record keeping, and reporting. Given the industry's decades-long history of regulatory noncompliance, this approach is essentially putting the fox in charge of the henhouse.
- SB 404 directly undermines the public review process for impacted communities across the state. It lacks meaningful input from the communities most impacted by these facilities.

I respectfully urge you to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ZIP CODE]

Step 3: After you send your letter:

- Share this template with a friend or two. The governor needs to hear from as many of us as possible.
- Learn how we're taking on metal shredding pollution in West Oakland at woeip.org/metalshredders.