



May 5, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chairwoman, Assembly Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1031 (Waldron) Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund – SUPPORT

Dear Chairwoman Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of California Travel Association (CalTravel), I wish to express support for AB 1031 authored by Assemblymember Waldron.

CalTravel is the umbrella trade association representing the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry. In 2015, California travel and tourism brought in \$122.6 billion in direct spending, supported 1,063,000 jobs, and generated \$9.9 billion in state and local taxes. Our 370 members include resorts, amusement parks, sports venues, transportation companies, industry associations, ad agencies, media companies, and other organizations for whom travel and tourism is important.

AB 1031 will allow an individual to designate on his or her tax return a specified amount be donated to the Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund, which this bill will establish. Money contributed to the fund will be distributed through a competitive grant program for nonprofit organizations throughout our state whose mission it is to aid in the recovery of injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife. We believe this fund will greatly benefit California's wildlife which is important to many who visit our great state.

For these reasons, CalTravel supports and urges your "AYE" vote for AB 1031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Newton".

Barbara Newton
President and CEO
California Travel Association

cc: The Honorable Marie Waldron, Author
The Honorable Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Jennifer Galehouse, Deputy Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations
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