



May 5, 2017

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

**Re: Assembly Bill 478 (Waldron) Sport fishing licenses: age requirement – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairwoman Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of the above organizations, we are pleased to write in support of Assembly Bill 478 authored by Assembly Member Waldron. Assembly Bill 478 will raise the age requirement for fishing licenses from 16 to 18 years old. We believe allowing anglers to fish for free for an additional two years is a step in the right direction to increase participation in outdoor recreational activities by removing costly barriers to obtain a license, especially for youth in our communities.

It is our belief that this change in law will be an incentive for youth and families to obtain a fishing license thus positively impacting California's outdoor economy which is closely linked to our state's travel and tourism industry. An industry which is responsible for \$122.6 billion in direct travel spending from visitors and contributes \$9.9 billion in state and local taxes each year. The jobs in which our industry creates will also be impacted by the over 2.7 million California anglers, which contribute over \$4.6 billion in economic activity each year.

For these reasons, we urge your "AYE" vote for Assembly Bill 478 (Waldron).

Sincerely,

California Association of Boutique & Breakfast Inns  
California Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds  
California Chamber of Commerce  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Parks Company  
California Travel Association  
Visit Huntington Beach

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