

## URGENT - AB 2627 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT IN THE STATE SENATE

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a federal law that used to protect nongame migratory birds, has been subverted by the Trump Administration. They have issued a legal opinion that says the law no longer applies to the killing of birds unless the company or entity deliberately set out to kill birds. Federal agencies are now telling companies that they no longer have any exposure to liability under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. If birds are killed because of poor practices or lack of any environmental safeguard measures, the companies would not be liable. This is true even if thousands of birds were to die due to corporate malfeasance, as has occurred in the past, such as the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

While we may not be able to stop the insanity that is going on in Washington DC, we can at least stop it from spreading to California. AB2627, if passed, will provide protection for nongame migratory birds in California. Titled, “An Act to Amend Section 3513 of the Fish and Game Code relating to Migratory Birds”, it will require companies to implement best management practices that prevent the unintentional death of birds from their activities, or if they fail to do so, would place them in violation of California law.

This bill has passed the State Assembly and is now being considered in the State Senate. Please write your senator and tell him to support AB2627. Please also ask any organizations that you are a member of, to write an email letter of support as well. Such letters can be sent to both your State Senator and to Assemblyman Ash Kalra, the author of the bill. Email for Assemblyman Kalra can be sent to his aide, Jeanette Garcia ([Jeanette.garcia@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Jeanette.garcia@asm.ca.gov)), but be sure to address your support letter to the Assemblyman.

If we can convince our state legislators to support this bill, we can save the lives of thousands of birds. Please act now! It is a fact that state legislators get very few letters from their constituents on just about anything that is up for a vote. So just a handful of letters can make a huge difference. Thanks for your support.