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CALIFORNIA REGULATORY ALERT
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STATE-WIDE BAN ON LEAD AMMUNITION MAY BE AROUND THE CORNER

The Fish and Game Commission is considering a state-wide ban on the use of lead ammunition for hunting. Almost two years ago, a bill ([AB821](#)) was signed into law that imposed a ban on the use of lead ammunition for hunting in areas occupied by the California condor. Through its hunting regulations, the Commission extended the ban to include .22 rimfire ammunition and expanded the boundaries where the ban applies. With this track record, the Commission is likely to be receptive to carrying the ban to the borders of the state.

From the beginning, proponents of the current ban have wanted to lead ammunition banned state-wide. The California condor was simply being used as an excuse by the anti-hunters and anti-gunners to carry out this agenda. They have already achieved a partial ban. The next step is to take it state-wide. If they are successful, they will push to ban the use of lead ammunition for everyone, not just hunters.

There is no scientific evidence that lead ammunition is the source of lead affecting the health of condors released to the wild. There is no scientific evidence that lead ammunition is a risk to human health and the environment in California. What is evident is that there are a group of special interests that have friends on the Commission who will not stop until the most affordable, available, and ballistically superior ammunition available is banned in our state. When that happens they know the damage it will do to hunting and shooting participation.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Please write and call the California Fish and Game Commission and request that they oppose all efforts to extend the ban on lead ammunition.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Although the NRA vigorously opposed AB821 back in 2007, it is now law. However, it is unfortunate that the CA. Fish & Game Commission expanded the restrictions much farther than those required by AB821.

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- Be proud of your accomplishments and be especially proud that YOU are willing to fight for all of our rights to enjoy our Second Amendment freedoms!

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