



**BACKCOUNTRY
HUNTERS & ANGLERS**
CALIFORNIA

May 16, 2024

RE: Support for AB 2320

Dear Assembly Member Irwin,

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA) is a 501c3 non-profit that seeks to ensure North America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting through education and work on behalf of fish, wildlife, and wild places. With chapters in 49 states, Washington D.C., two Canadian provinces and one Canadian territory, as well as close to 400,000 supporters, BHA attracts sportsmen, women, and other public land users from across the continent. As the voice for our wild public lands, waters, and wildlife, BHA is dedicated to restoration and conservation efforts that conserve vital ecosystem functions and expand public access for hunting and fishing.

In a state of 40 million people, space for wildlife to exist and travel between habitat is vital. As the leading voice for our public lands, waters, and wildlife, the California Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports efforts to prioritize wildlife connectivity and protect key wildlife corridors. AB 2320 would require the California Natural Resources Agency to identify key wildlife corridors in the agency's annual report on 30x30 progress, and outline goals for wildlife corridor protection.

Hunters, anglers, and Californians from all backgrounds want to see healthy, robust wildlife populations, and connectivity is an essential part of that goal. Agency focus on wildlife connectivity will have important implications for future wildlife conservation goals, and AB 2320 helps advance that cause. The California Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports AB 2320 and encourages its passage.

Thank you for your commitment to the conservation of California's unique wildlife and habitats.

Sincerely,

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