



**BACKCOUNTRY
HUNTERS & ANGLERS
CALIFORNIA**

June 18th, 2024

Re Support for AB 828:

Dear Assembly Member Connolly,

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.

California's wetlands are an ecological haven, providing rare habitat for a variety of important flora and fauna, including various species of waterfowl. California has seen a significant decline in wetland habitat over the last century, and our changing global climate imposes even more uncertainty for the future stability of this vital ecosystem.

AB 828 helps protect both wetlands and underserved communities by strengthening the guarantees of groundwater and providing increased water security for those people and places who need it most. BHA supports the passage of AB 828.

Thank you for your commitment to conservation of California's freshwaters resources.

Sincerely,

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