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The Honorable Rhodesia Ransom, Assembly Member
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 274 (Ransom). Abandoned and Derelict Vessels. - Support

Dear Assembly Member Ransom:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write to support your AB 274, which seeks to address the ongoing issue of abandoned and derelict commercial and recreational vessels within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This bill is a **crucial step toward protecting the Delta's waterways, ensuring navigational safety,** and preserving the ecological health of this vital region.

These vessels often pose hazards to navigation, contribute to pollution, and degrade the natural habitat that supports diverse wildlife and a thriving local economy. **California's waterways (particularly in the Delta) are polluted with commercial** abandoned derelict vessels, which contain high levels of hazardous materials from both their construction and use, including petroleum products (i.e., fuel, oil, oily waste, hydraulic fluid and grease), solvents, asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, lead paint, and batteries. By requiring the State Lands Commission to create an inventory of these vessels by January 1, 2027, AB 274 provides a necessary foundation for future removal efforts and policy solutions.

Specifically, this bill will:

- Establish a comprehensive record of abandoned and derelict vessels in the Delta, including their locations, estimated size, and weight.
- Assist local and state agencies in prioritizing the removal of hazardous vessels.
- Improve safety for recreational and commercial navigation.
- Support long-term strategies for the management and prevention of **abandoned vessels in California's waterways.**

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The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a critical natural and economic resource for the state, providing water, recreation, and commercial benefits. AB 274 is a proactive and necessary measure to address this issue effectively.

For these reasons, Sacramento County supports AB 274. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sacramento County Delegation
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