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Pacific Egg and Poultry Association

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The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Agriculture  
1020 N Street, Room 362  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 634 (Huber) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Galgiani:

The organizations listed above are writing to express support for AB 634 (Huber). This bill will allow the use of carbon monoxide for vertebrate pest control purposes. Vertebrate pests, like gophers and ground squirrels, cause significant losses to California's farmers and ranchers and carbon monoxide is a safe, targeted, and humane method of pest control. It is for these reasons that we respectfully request your AYE vote when AB 634 (Huber) is heard by your committee.

Rodents can damage California farms and ranches in numerous ways. They consume and cause damage to crops, damage irrigation equipment, produce hazards to machinery and livestock by causing unstable ground around their burrow systems, and create human health hazards as carriers of diseases especially bubonic plague. Providing California farmers the necessary tools to prevent rodent damage to expensive irrigation technologies is especially important as farmers are under increasing pressure to improve water use efficiency by upgrading irrigation methods.

Carbon monoxide is an effective control method for rodents. Controlling rodents is a challenging, but necessary effort for California's farmers and other landowners impacted by burrowing rodents. Current control methods vary widely in their efficacy and often require rotation to maintain good levels of control. Carbon monoxide would be a useful rodent control tool for California's farmers and ranchers.

Again, we respectfully request your AYE vote on AB 634 (Huber), which will provide farmers and ranchers an additional tool to help prevent vertebrate pests from destroying California's valuable agricultural products. Please feel free to contact Noelle G. Cremers (916/446-4647 or [ncremers@cxbf.com](mailto:ncremers@cxbf.com)) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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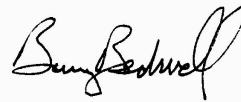
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