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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Reference: SB 1310, CLFA Position: Oppose
SB 1535, CLFA Position: Oppose*

Dear Senator Kuehl,

CLFA has reviewed your SB 1310 and SB 1535. We respectfully oppose both. **SB 1310:** We cannot support SB 1310 because of the concern that its requirements are largely duplicative of current Board of Forestry regulations. If enacted, we believe that SB 1310 may represent a disincentive for the ownership, conservation and retention of forestland in California, potentially contributing to accelerated native forest conversion and loss to development and other less environmentally desirable uses. We look forward to meeting with your staff to develop a better understanding of your intent with this legislation.

SB 1535: CLFA strongly opposes increasing the current \$850 Department of Fish and Game Timber Harvest Plan (THP) filing fee. Disincentives to the long-term ownership and management of California forestland need to be replaced by state policies that encourage stewardship and a sense of landowner confidence in the future of California forestry.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these bills.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: The Honorable Bob Margett, NR&W Vice Chair.
NR&W Members and Staff.
Mr. David Titus, CDF Deputy Director.
Ms. Melinda Terry, Resources Agency.

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