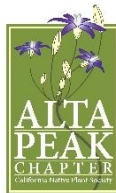
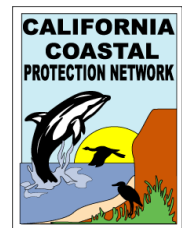
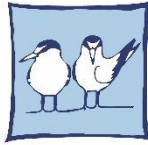




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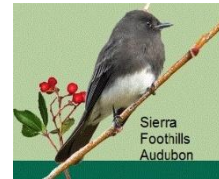
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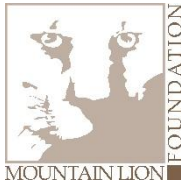
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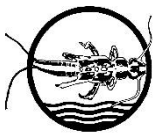
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Sonoma Mountain Preservation

February 13, 2025

Dear Governor Newsom, Attorney General Bonta, Senate Pro Tempore McGuire and Speaker Rivas,

On behalf of the millions of Californians who are deeply concerned about the Trump Administration's attacks on the people, communities and natural resources of California, we are writing to you to stand with us and defend California. We appreciate the steps you have taken so far to combat erroneous information from the federal government, direct emergency response efforts to natural disasters, and allocate funding to defend our state against federal attacks.

**We would like to partner with our state leadership to defend California's authority, vulnerable communities, precious natural heritage, and economy from the harm that will be caused by the decisions of the Trump Administration. We request a meeting with you at the earliest possible time to discuss the most effective ways to accomplish this goal and the specific recommended actions below.**

In the past few weeks, President Trump's new executive orders politicized people's pain and suffering from a natural disaster. They have attempted to pull the carpet out from under efforts to improve California's water management and environmental protection policies. They also call for overriding state protections, which could ensure the degradation of water quality and living rivers, and the potential extinction of native species including the state's salmon runs, putting the salmon fishing industry permanently out of work. These executive orders could also cause additional harm to ecosystems beyond the Bay-Delta, as demonstrated by the unscheduled water releases in the Tulare region last week, jeopardizing farmers and communities as well as future water availability. Finally, the order to review and possibly freeze a wide swath of federal funding of grants and other programs is already having significant impacts on community organizations, non-profit organizations, and other entities as they work to carry out their public interest directives. **Unfortunately, we fully expect that these attacks will extend to other environmental issues and related work in the near future.**

Similar to the important statements made in defense of diversity, equity, inclusion and immigration, we urge you, as our state's leaders, to make a strong and clear statement committing to defending California's environmental laws, waterways and natural resources, and people—including the iconic Bay-Delta estuary and the communities it supports—from the dangerous anti-environmental agenda of the Trump Administration. In addition to the \$50 million allocated to legal action, our organizations also urge you to consider policy changes that strengthen our state laws and natural heritage, such as the California Endangered Species Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and to defend against efforts to roll back existing federal law protecting our public lands, waters, fish and wildlife and environment.

California has much to lose if the Trump Administration rolls back critical protections for our environment and communities. We respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss these actions and more in greater detail as part of our effort to work together effectively and urgently.

We will follow up with your offices. Additionally, your staff may contact Ashley Overhouse ([AOverhouse@defenders.org](mailto:AOverhouse@defenders.org)).

Thank you for considering this request.

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