



LETTER OF AMENDMENT REQUEST TO SB382 (Pan)
Pest control: mosquito abatement (Pan)

April 18, 2017

Dear Senate Health Committee Members,

A Voice for Choice Advocacy is in opposition of SB382 regarding pest control and mosquito abatement, **unless amended to remove Section I, Chapter 2 2101 (b) 5.** and ask you to also oppose SB382 and not allow SB382 to move out of committee tomorrow unless amended.

SB382 appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to create the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program with \$1,500,000 to be specifically appropriated to fund the California Vectorborne Disease Surveillance System which is tasked with monitoring and researching the threat of mosquito transmitted diseases and the best method for the abatement of nuisance mosquitos.

Our opposition to this bill is specific to Section I, Chapter 2 2101 (b) (5) where it enables the California Mosquito Surveillance and Research Program, CalSurv, to “perform other duties as necessary to protect the public and agricultural health of the state.” The language in this section is broad and unnecessary, and leaves the door wide open for any and all abatement measures to be taken. Inclusion of broad language has the potential to result in far reaching implementation of policies outside the intent of this bill and may require future legislation to redefine the original role and intent of the program. Future consideration of this bill should only occur after the removal of Section I, Chapter 2 2101 (b) 5.

This unrestricted authority is not in the best interest of the safety of our families, our children, our agriculture and our state. **For this reason, we urge your no vote on SB 382, unless amended to remove Section I, Chapter 2 2101 (b) (5).**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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