

We are asking each of you write or fax a letter to your State Assembly Member. The letter you write does not have to be super detailed but it needs to contain the following, that you OPPOSE SB637 for the reasons you decide to list. It can be as simple as "I oppose this bill" because and should include one or more of the talking points below.

\*\*\*\*\* Talking Points \*\*\*\*\*

\*This bill requires us to get a "discharge" permit for equipment that doesn't discharge which WILL be challenged in court if passed. (Mention setting up an "unneeded" permit process and pending lawsuits = wasted tax dollars)

\*The devastating economic impacts of this bill to the poor and rural communities of CA. Miners send money to legal defense funds. CA rural communities suffer lost income.

\*The state is paying the Sierra Fund millions of tax dollars to dredge mercury at one location when the miners clean up the waterways for free until the, now ruled illegal, moratorium was put in place 6+ years ago.

\*Dredgers are taking their money to other states and spending it where they can dredge legally and CA rural communities and small businesses suffer.

\*Suction dredging already has significant regulation and doesn't need more especially when the permit 637 permit is for something we don't do.

**\*\*\*Please refer them to [www.stopsb637.org](http://www.stopsb637.org) for case law and documentation. \*\*\*\*\***

NOTE: The electronic message links provided on the senate list only work if you have an address in the senator's district.