

NO ON THE CalChamber Initiative

PEOPLE OVER POLLUTERS: **THEY POLLUTE. YOU PAY.**

Corporations want to rewrite California's environmental laws. We say no. Protect our state's air quality, water quality, and public health safeguards from corporate control.



FOLLOW THE MONEY

Corporate PACs, for-profit utilities, and polluting industries are spending millions to pass this initiative. Why? To increase their profits while the rest of us pay.



LESS ACCOUNTABILITY = HIGHER TAXPAYER COSTS

This initiative lets deep-pocketed developers call the shots. With no way to force industries to prevent pollution, we'll be left to live with – and pay to clean up – their mess.



CLEAN WATER & CLEAN AIR AT RISK

This initiative makes it easier for industry to pollute with little oversight, and makes it harder for communities to improve harmful projects.

Big corporations don't spend millions to win a ballot initiative to lower your costs.

They spend it to lower theirs.



ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE

- ▶ Backed by investor-owned utilities and other industrial interests
- ▶ Weakens protections for clean air, clean water, and public health
- ▶ Shifts pollution clean-up costs from industry to cities and communities
- ▶ Radically rewrites California's bedrock environmental law for a range of polluting projects



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PUBLIC HEALTH, CLEAN AIR, AND CLEAN WATER **AT RISK**

The initiative covers a wide range of polluting projects, including:

DATA CENTERS

FREEWAY EXPANSIONS

DAIRY BIOGAS DIGESTERS

LANDFILL GAS FACILITIES

BIOMASS POWER PLANTS

DAMS

WASTE INCINERATORS

CO₂ PIPELINES

HOUSING IN HIGH WILDFIRE RISK AREAS

GIVES MORE POWER TO POLLUTING INDUSTRIES

- ▶ Shifts control over project review from public agencies to developers.
- ▶ Nearly eliminates the courts' ability to prevent toxic contamination of air and water.
- ▶ Grants corporations the right to *sue* cities that try to stop or fix polluting projects.

LEAVES CALIFORNIA VULNERABLE TO FEDERAL ROLLBACKS

- ▶ Undermines our state's strongest backstop to federal rollbacks of air quality, water quality, and public health protections.

CORPORATIONS SAVE MONEY; THE PUBLIC PAYS MORE

- ▶ Includes no requirements that projects bring down costs for everyday Californians.
- ▶ The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates it will cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in the first years of implementation.

THEY HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS. WE HAVE CALIFORNIANS.

200+ organizations across California stand against the CalChamber Initiative.

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

American Nurses Association\California

California Environmental Justice Alliance

California Nurses for Environmental Health & Justice

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Environmental Health

Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment

Communities for a Better Environment

Earthjustice

Food & Water Watch

Greenbelt Alliance

Learning Disabilities Association - California Affiliate

National Wildlife Federation

Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles

Physicians for Social Responsibility - San Francisco Bay

Planning and Conservation League

Sierra Club California

Western Center on Law & Poverty

The full list of endorsers is available at [PeopleOverPollutersCA.org/endorsements](https://www.PeopleOverPollutersCA.org/endorsements)

BOTTOM LINE

*This initiative is a corporate-backed rollback of critical public health and environmental protections. It raises costs for taxpayers.
It's the wrong direction for California.*