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Re: Potential California Forever Trailer Bill

Dear Governor Newsom, Senate Pro Tempore Limón, Speaker Rivas, Senator Laird, and Assemblymember Gabriel:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong opposition to **any** last-minute budget trailer bills that would grant special environmental exemptions and bypass local approval processes for the California Forever project in Solano County.

As was reported by both [CalMatters](#) and the [San Francisco Chronicle](#), there has been intense lobbying of your offices by California Forever and their billionaire tech backers in an effort to secure preferential treatment for certain aspects of their project. This has apparently centered on advocacy for budget trailer bill language to create new California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) streamlining measures for the project's shipbuilding component, and modifications to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) annexation process. **Advancing these proposals at the last minute would be extraordinarily harmful to Solano County communities and the environment, and we urge you to reject any such legislation.**

The breadth and scope of what is being asked demands the kind of transparency and evaluation that can only be achieved through the full legislative process. This secretive trailer bill language would simultaneously rewrite CEQA standards, restructure LAFCO annexation procedures, and potentially override a county-level voter initiative. Each of these things, on their own, would warrant careful legislative scrutiny, public hearings, and stakeholder input. Bundling all of these changes into a last-minute budget trailer bill, with no opportunity for public comment, expert testimony, or meaningful amendment, or even for the legislature to fully understand the impacts of the bill, is an unacceptable short-circuiting of the democratic process in favor of the project's wealthy, high-powered backers.

California's legislative process exists precisely for moments like this. Committee hearings allow legislators to play their intended roles, representing the interests of the communities that elect them. This is impossible when sweeping policy changes are negotiated behind closed doors and dropped into budget language days before final approval, all at the behest of a few powerful interests.

Rushing this through denies the communities of Solano County their basic right to representation, and skips the public process that would allow a thorough review and assessment of the environmental, water, transportation, budget, and other untold and unknown impacts this massive development would have on our state.

We urge you to reject any last-minute legislation that would circumvent the California Environmental Quality Act or modify the LAFCO annexation processes, or other efforts to sidestep local discretion and decision-making abilities that Californians depend on in order to safeguard our farmland, our environment, and our communities.

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