

Dear Committee Members,

Please oppose HB 2666. It is already easy enough to get aggregate permits on farm land. The current restrictions are necessary and are there to protect our valuable farm land and the rights of impacted citizens to oppose actions that may harm them. With climate change and historic drought in California, our farmlands will become even more valuable in the future, so we must preserve them as much as possible.

The noise and trucks from aggregate mining can affect residences and farms for quite a distance, so their issues deserve to be addressed.

Please oppose this bill. It is not needed and puts our farm land, as well as farmers, farm animals, and affected residences at risk if the issues of potentially affected citizens are not given adequate hearing.

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