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MANUFACTURING BREAKER

ACA 16 (Bryan) – OPPOSE

ACA 16 Would Likely Hinder Economic Development and the Development of Key Infrastructure Projects

If grading activities release air emissions, any wastewater discharge, or noise pollution, are perceived to be present for any infrastructure project, they could be stopped. The same is true for key transportation projects, such as High-Speed Rail, and for necessary clean energy development projects like solar farms and wind energy, where any amount of project impact could be grounds to enjoin.

ACA 16 Could be Economically Devastating

Compliance costs for the business community, local governments and for the state will skyrocket, leading to higher taxes, decreased investments in California infrastructure and housing, and significant job losses.

ACA 16 Could be Used to Limit Affordable Housing Development

To be clear, given this is a Constitutional Amendment, there are no Legislative amendments that could be offered, as is often the case with CEQA, that could protect worthy projects from frivolous lawsuits.

ACA 16 Will Create Uncertainty in the Business Community

ACA 16 will create a private right of action to vindicate environmental rights and eliminate the need to show any actual harm. Similarly, **ACA 16** could serve as the basis to cancel contracts. A similar constitutional amendment was called upon in Montana to rescind the disposition of land for development. The Montana Supreme Court found the constitutional provision's "protections and mandates" applied to private action.

VOTE NO ON ACA 16 (Bryan)

