



October 8, 2025

Senator Stern
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Strongly Opposed, SB-37, Senator Henry Stern

Dear Senator Stern:

The California Chamber of Commerce writes to express our strong opposition to SB 37, which imposes a permanent ban on vaguely defined "coded seeds."

This bill is fundamentally unworkable and creates immense risk for California's agricultural economy. Farmers and seed distributors face unachievable compliance issues because the term "coded seeds" is neither a scientific nor legal standard. Additionally, the bill's attempt to use the federal EPA to enforce state law is an unconstitutional overreach that would ensure legal ambiguity and paralysis. A crucial agricultural technology is specifically targeted by this legislation, endangering crop yields and our state's farmers' ability to compete. Additionally, it transfers public monies to grant organizations with the express intent of "targeting companies," creating a risky precedent for state-funded legal action against legitimate companies.

For this reason, the [State] Chamber of Commerce must respectfully oppose SB 37. Fundamental problems with the bill's definition, constitutionality, and intent put a significant portion of our state's economy and the general business environment at intolerable risk.

The California Chamber of Commerce

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